



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
MEDIA RELEASE



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LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Investigation Update Case 22S-02332

On Monday, April 25, 2022, two independent eyewitnesses who read the recent SCPD press release contacted the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) with additional information regarding an altercation that led to the arrest of two suspects in what was described by the involved parties as a hate crime.

Both eyewitnesses, who left before the responding officers arrived, provided additional evidence that sheds new light on the initial statements made to officers by the individuals involved in the altercation on Saturday, April 23, 2022. At the time of the incident, Officers interviewed all known persons involved and concluded that there was probable cause for the arrest.

With the development of witness statements, the Santa Cruz Police Investigators consulted with the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office. Based on the newly provided evidence and information from witnesses who stepped forward, both suspects were released from custody pending further investigation. Ultimately, the District Attorney's Office will make a determination as to whether criminal charges related to this matter should be filed.

The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to thank the community members who witnessed the altercation and contacted the Investigation Unit. This case remains an active investigation with the SCPD, and detectives will continue to work on the case.

CASE BACKGROUND: On Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 11:30 am, the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) received a report of an assault that had just occurred in the 100 block of Blackburn Street. Officers responded and located two subjects, one of whom had sustained minor injuries from the assault. The male and female suspects fled the area on foot after the assault.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact Santa Cruz Police Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Anonymous tips can be sent through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995 or www.santacruzpolice.com.

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