



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



INCIDENT DATE/TIME: June 11, 2022 @ 12:31 am

LOCATION: 1040 River Street

TOPIC: Tannery Sculpture Fire Determined Accidental

CASE NUMBER: 22S-03309

INFORMATION:

**Santa Cruz Police & Fire Investigation Determines
Tannery Sculpture Fire was Not an Act of Arson**

In a joint investigation, the Santa Cruz Police and Fire Department (SCPD-SCFD) has concluded that the cause of a large driftwood art sculpture fire that occurred on June 11, 2022, at 12:31 am, was accidental, not criminal, or intentional.

Investigators reviewed hours of surveillance video surrounding the wooden sculpture located in the center of the Tannery Arts area. The SCPD-SCFD investigation determined that the fire was not arson-related.

Don't underestimate how dry our grass, wood, and other vegetation are right now. All it takes is a spark. The extreme heat, paired with an already exceptionally dry fire season, is causing concern. Be sure to put smoking materials in water before throwing them away. Do not put out cigarettes in planter boxes, bark, or vegetation.

SCFD quickly extinguished the art structure fire. There were no reported injuries or damage to surrounding buildings in the Tannery Complex.

Both SCPD and SCFD remind the public that the dry conditions and increased temperatures throughout the state have created a situation where a fire could easily spark, so we ask everyone to be cautious.

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