

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: October 31, 2022 **LOCATION:** Santa Cruz High School

CASE NUMBER: 22S - 06248

Santa Cruz Police Identify and Detain Juvenile Responsible for Social Media Threat on October 31, 2022

Santa Cruz, CA —On October 31, 2022, Santa Cruz High School (SCHS) staff discovered an online threat and immediately notified Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD). Out of an abundance of caution, a shelter-in-place was activated, and uniformed police officers responded to campus.

Within an hour and a half, SCPD detectives were able to identify and detain the juvenile male subject responsible for this morning's social media threat. The juvenile is in police custody. There was never a credible threat to any Santa Cruz City Schools.

The suspect juvenile resides in Santa Cruz County and is not an SCHS student. SCPD arrested the juvenile for making criminal threats and forwarded the case to the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office.

Today's arrest is not related to the online threat incident reported on Thursday, October 27, at Santa Cruz High School, which is still under investigation.

Santa Cruz Police takes school threats seriously, and detectives investigate school threats immediately. Schools must be safe places for students, and the safety of students is a priority. There is currently no threat to schools in our area, and students can feel safe attending school.

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