



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



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TOPIC: Non-Injury OIS Video Release

CASE NUMBER: 23S-00640

INFORMATION:

**Santa Cruz Police Releases Body and Dash Camera Video of the Feb 4, 2023
Non-Injury Officer Involved Shooting Incident**

SANTA CRUZ, CA– To provide transparency to our community, the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is releasing pertinent audio and video files from the February 4, 2023, officer-involved shooting that occurred in the 300 block of Lee Street. There were no injuries to the suspect or officers in this critical incident.

Santa Cruz Police officers were dispatched to the area following a call for service regarding a report of an unknown man in the backyard of a private residence pointing a gun and threatening the victim. Officers encountered a male subject - later identified as George Jaynes - in his vehicle who brandished a weapon. In response, the officers discharged their firearms at the subject.

Video from the involved officer's body-worn and dash camera, portions of the original 911 call received by the Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1, and additional Ring video from the victim's residence aided in investigating the circumstances that led to the call for service.

All pertinent audio and video files are available on [Santa Cruz Police Transparency Portal](#) under Non-Injury Officer Involved Shooting CASE # 23S-00640. The content comprises one narrated video, raw body-worn, dash camera videos and dispatch audio files.

All materials released from this incident have been redacted to ensure the confidentiality and privacy of those involved. Faces have been blurred, and audio redactions are signified by redacted audio.

There is still an independent, active investigation by the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office in accordance with the County Critical Incident Guidelines. The incident is also subject to

an internal investigation for compliance with SCPD policy standards. Officers who discharged their firearms were placed on routine administrative leave during an internal investigation.

Santa Cruz Police have no further information to release.

The material being released today of audio and video files for CASE 23S-00640 Non-Injury Officer Involved Shooting are available on the [Santa Cruz Police Transparency Portal](#).

The original press releases for this incident:

[NON-INJURY OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING](#)

[UPDATE: Non-Injury Officer Involved Shooting Case 23S-00640](#)

[Santa Cruz Police Department Policy Manual](#)

Policy 300 Use of Force Police

Policy 305 Officer Involved Shooting

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