



# SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEDIA RELEASE



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**SANTA CRUZ PD CASE #:** 23S-02509

**CAPITOLA PD CASE #:** 23C-00562

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#### **Armed Bank Robber / Carjacking Suspect in Custody**

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, at approximately 11:30 am, the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) responded to a report of a bank robbery on the 700 block of Ocean Street, where the subject was in possession of a firearm. As officers were responding to the scene, dispatch updated officers that the suspect committed a carjacking and fled the area.

Santa Cruz Police immediately relayed information to surrounding agencies to be on the lookout for a blue Toyota Tacoma truck and armed suspect. Simultaneously, as Santa Cruz Police conducted the armed robbery investigation in the City of Santa Cruz, the Capitola Police Department advised that an armed robbery just occurred at a bank on 1900 block of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Capitola. Within minutes, Capitola Police officers spotted the carjacked blue pickup truck and engaged in a vehicle pursuit of the suspect.

Multiple law enforcement agencies joined in the pursuit of the armed suspect in the vehicle. The suspect failed to yield in the attempt to evade law enforcement and crashed the stolen vehicle northbound on Highway 17 near Scotts Valley. The suspect, Adam Roberts, was taken into custody at approximately 12:10 pm. Soon after, Roberts was transported to a trauma center for non-life threatening injuries and medical evaluation.

It was determined during the initial investigation, suspect Adam Roberts had attempted to rob a victim of a motorcycle in the parking lot of the bank at gun point but was unsuccessful. While being medically treated and cleared Roberts attempted to disarm a SCPD Officer and was unsuccessful, additional charges were added to Roberts.

Santa Cruz PD and Capitola PD Detectives recovered an un-serialized 45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and stolen cash in the truck the suspect was driving. Later in the day, detectives executed a search warrant at the suspects' home.

Adam Henry Roberts, age 43, was arrested and booked in to Santa Cruz County jail on the following charges: 211 pc robbery, 215(a)pc Carjacking, 29800 felon in possession of a firearm,

664/215(a) attempted carjacking, 12022.53 pc firearm enhancement and 664/148(b) PC attempting to disarm a peace officer.

In addition, Capitola Police Department charged Roberts for 211 Robbery (2x), 417 brandishing of a firearm, 422 criminal threats, 12022.53 pc firearm enhancement and 2800.2 cvc evading police.

This remains an ongoing investigation for Capitola and Santa Cruz Police Departments.

We strongly encourage anyone with any information or who may have witnessed any of these events to contact:

Santa Cruz Police Lieutenant Forbus at (831) 420-5822, email [daforbus@santacruzca.gov](mailto:daforbus@santacruzca.gov)

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