



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE



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LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: 2023 Halloween Overview

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz, CA — The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is pleased to announce that Halloween 2022 transpired without any significant incidents of violence downtown.

SCPD deployed patrol officers throughout city neighborhoods and a contingent of officers on foot in the Downtown corridor. At the peak, SCPD estimated the crowd size to be 15,000.

The Downtown Deployment reported the following activity for Halloween Night 2023:

41 CITATIONS

33 TRIPLE FINES - various alcohol violations, trespassing, and littering.

5 MISDO ARRESTS - public intoxication and warrants

2 FELONY ARRESTS

A documented Watsonville gang member fled from a parking garage when officers attempted to conduct a compliance probation search. The subject was detained, and a firearm was located during a search of his vehicle. Photo attached.

A subject was arrested after he threw a beer bottle at two officers. The subject fled on foot and was located on the levee near the Broadway Bridge. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer and assault with a deadly weapon on a civilian victim who was nearly struck in the head with the bottle.

By comparison to 2022, the estimated crowd size, citations and arrests were up in 2023. Officers maintained a visible presence early on, contributing to a safe and successful evening.

We want to thank our partner law enforcement agencies, California Highway Patrol, Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team and UCSC PD, who dedicated personnel and resources to assist the City of Santa Cruz throughout the night. Additionally, SCPD expresses our thanks to City staff from Public Works, Parking, and Parks and Recreation departments for their hard work downtown.



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