



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: December 21, 2023

LOCATION: West Side Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Sexual Assault Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 23S-03930

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

Suspect:

Name: Ronald Salinas Age: 63 Arrested: Yes

Charges: 288 A (B) PC

Sexual Assault on a Juvenile

Victim: Withheld

INFORMATION

On December 21, 2023, Santa Cruz Police Detectives (SCPD) executed an arrest and search warrant for Ronald Salinas for the charge of sexual assault on a juvenile. Mr. Salinas was taken into custody without incident at his residence on the West Side of Santa Cruz.

The arrest stems from an investigation where Mr. Salinas, a part-time Santa Cruz High Band staff member, is accused of sexually assaulting a juvenile at his residence back in 2001. The victim just came forward this year to report the crime to school officials. Upon receiving the complaint, the school district immediately reported it to SCPD, and has supported the investigation.

At time of the assault in 2001, the victim was a student and member of the Santa Cruz High Band where Mr. Salinas was working as a part-time Band staff member. Mr. Salinas, who is no longer employed by the school, separated his employment a few months prior. Mr. Salinas was later booked into the county jail on his arrest warrant for the charge of sexual assault on a juvenile.

If anyone has information regarding this case or other cases involving Mr. Salinas, please contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Division at (831) 420-5820.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Jon Bush

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