



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: April 8, 2011 3:06 PM

LOCATION: 100 block Ocean Street

TOPIC: Burglary Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 11S-02827

SUSPECTS:

1. Manuel Araujo III – 28 Years, Santa Cruz Resident

INFORMATION:

On April 8, 2011 a burglary occurred at an occupied home in the 100 block of Ocean Street. The victim was home and in the bathroom on the second story of the home at the time of the burglary. The victim noticed the suspect prowling around the side of their home. The victim went downstairs and noticed their laptop computer was missing. The suspect was seen leaving the area in a vehicle. The victim alertly called 9-1-1 and relayed a detailed description of the suspect and vehicle (a Green 1995 Nissan Altima).

A motorcycle officer was in the area as the call was being dispatched. Officer Bill Clayton spotted the suspect (Manuel Araujo III) in his car and attempted a stop of the vehicle. Mr. Araujo fled and abandoned his car a few blocks away in a residential neighborhood. Mr Araujo fled on foot through the neighborhood. Additional responding officers assisted and set up a yard-to-yard search. Mr. Araujo was found hiding in an apartment in the area. A backpack was recovered nearby in a trash can. The backpack contained the victim's laptop.

Thanks to the alert actions and detailed description from the victim, and the excellent timing and alertness by Officer Clayton, Mr. Araujo was booked into Santa Cruz County jail on charges of (1) Residential Burglary, (2) Possession of Stolen Property, and (3) Driving on a Suspended Driver's License.

A photo of Mr. Araujo is attached to this release.

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Manuel Araujo III

