



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, April 9, 2011—2:23 PM

**LOCATION:** 900 Block Pacific Avenue

**TOPIC:** False Bomb Threat—ARREST

**CASE NUMBER:** 11S-02851

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**INVOLVED SUBJECTS:**

1. **Name:** Christopher Childers (aka James Forrest) **Arrested:**  Yes  No  
**Age:** 22 years old **Charges:** 148.1(d) PC False Bomb Threat, Misdemeanor Warrant  
**Address:** Scotts Valley Resident
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**INFORMATION:**

On April 9, 2011 at approximately 2:23 pm Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to a report of bomb threat at a business in the 900 block of Pacific Avenue. A male suspect had entered the business with a small wooden box. The male suspect told an employee something about “42 seconds”, put down the wooden box in the business and quickly left. The male suspect then quickly came back into the business and yelled something about explosive material. The male suspect again left quickly as the employee was calling for security. Security then notified the Santa Cruz Police Department and evacuated the business of employees and patrons.

Santa Cruz police officers quickly determined that the wooden box was not a bomb though it had vials and what appeared to be a non-functioning clock attached to it. The officers collected the wooden box for evidence. The officers obtained a description of the male suspect and canvassed the area.

A short time later, officers noticed Christopher Childers near the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Church Street. Mr. Childers matched the suspect description. Mr. Childers was contacted and determined to be the suspect that left the fake bomb in the business. Mr. Childers was arrested for the false bomb threat and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant under the alias of James Forrest.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at: (831) 420-5820

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