



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: April 18, 2011

LOCATION: West Cliff Drive and Stockton Avenue

TOPIC: Death Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 11S-03149

ARRESTED:

1. Spencer Rigdon, 21yrs – Fremont, CA
 2. Aubrey Lalumandiere, 18 yrs – Fremont, CA
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INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department continued our investigation into the death of Nick Syed Husain, 22yrs of Fremont, CA. Mr. Husain fell to his death from the cliff above the Pacific Ocean, landing on a rock ledge.

Both of Mr. Husain's companions (Mr. Rigdon and Ms. Lalumandiere) were arrested at the scene and booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for public intoxication. Both exhibited symptoms and behaviors consistent with someone under the influence of a hallucinogenic like LSD. Information from witnesses indicates Mr. Husain was also exhibiting behavior consistent with a person under the influence of a hallucinogenic, prior to his death.

Detectives are continuing to uncover information regarding the activities of Mr. Husain and his companions leading up to this incident.

With Spring Break upon us, this tragic incident underscores the dangerousness associated with alcohol and drug use, and the consequences of poor decision making. These kinds of behaviors are oftentimes promoted around Spring Break, without an understanding of the very real consequences associated with it. The Santa Cruz Police Department reminds all visitors and Spring Break participants to make responsible choices and good decisions regarding their behavior.

BACKGROUND:

On April 18, 2011 at 5:42 pm the Santa Cruz Police Department, the Santa Cruz Fire Department, and Paramedics responded to a water rescue on West Cliff Dr and Stockton Ave. The Santa Cruz Fire Department and Paramedics located the subject on the rocks, face down approximately 30-40 feet below the cliff. Emergency personnel rappelled down the cliff to provide medical care, however the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

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