



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: May 2, 2011

LOCATION: 1300 Block of Pacific Avenue

TOPIC: UPDATE Robbery – Kidnapping Arrest **CASE NUMBER:** 11S-03487

SUSPECTS:

1. Todd Hazelquist – 50 years, Santa Cruz Resident

INFORMATION:

Late in the evening on April 30, 2011, the Santa Cruz Police Department released video images of a suspect wanted in connection with a robbery and kidnapping that occurred at a retail store in the 1300 block of Pacific Avenue.

The suspect in this case attempted to force an employee to open the cash register. When the employee refused to do so, the suspect grabbed the employee and attempted to force her into dressing rooms at the back of the store.

In the evening of May 1, 2011, Santa Cruz Police received 2 separate tips from individuals that saw the media coverage with the suspect photos. Both tips identified the suspect in this case as Todd Hazelquist. Detectives worked to confirm the identification and locate a residence for Mr. Hazelquist. After confirming the identification, Detectives obtained a warrant for Mr. Hazelquist's arrest. Mr. Hazelquist was living in a room at the Motel Santa Cruz at 370 Ocean Street. Officers located Mr. Hazelquist in his motel room shortly after midnight on May 2, 2011 and took him into custody without incident. Mr. Hazelquist was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on charges of (1) Robbery and (2) Kidnapping.

By way of explanation of the charges, the robbery occurred when Mr. Hazelquist attempted to take cash from the business by the use of force and intimidation of the victim. The kidnapping occurred when Mr. Hazelquist attempted to force the employee into the dressing rooms and moved the employee from one location to another against their will.

BACKGROUND

On April 30, 2011 at approximately 10:15 AM, Santa Cruz Police responded to a robbery and kidnapping at a retail clothing store in the 1300 block of Pacific Avenue. The suspect entered the business and approached an employee demanding the cash register to be opened. The employee refused to open the cash register. The suspect then told the employee to get into a dressing room. When the employee refused, the suspect grabbed the employee by the arm and tried to force her into the dressing rooms at the rear of the store. The victim screamed and the suspect put his hand over the employee's mouth. The victim continued to resist and eventually the suspect abandoned his attempt to rob the store and fled on foot.

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