



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: May 11, 2011

LOCATION: DeLaveaga Forest Area

TOPIC: Shooting Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 11S-03810

SUSPECTS:

Paul Robert Boulерice 47 years Santa Cruz Transient

INFORMATION:

On May 11, 2011 Santa Cruz Police Parks Unit officers were investigating reports of aggressive animal behavior and illegal camping in a wooded forest area of DeLaveaga Park. The officers were traversing a narrow wooded trail on a steep hillside to reach illegal campsites in the area. In the course of traversing these trails, one of the officers was attacked by an aggressive and large Rottweiler mix canine.

The officer was pinned between two large fallen trees and had no area to retreat to avoid the attack. The officer pleaded with the owner to call the dog off. The owner did not call the canine off and the dog continued the attack. As a last resort, the officer used deadly force to stop the canine's attack. The canine was killed at the scene.

The dog owner (suspect Paul Boulерice) is a 47 year old transient from Santa Cruz. Mr. Boulерice has a significant history of violence against police officers, and is currently on parole for attempting to take an officer's handgun while fighting with the officer, and for making serious threats of violence against the officer. Detectives are investigating the dog owner's motives and reason why he failed to call the dog off. In follow up investigation, Officers learned from other campers in the area that Mr. Boulерice's canine was known to be aggressive towards others.

Mr. Boulерice was arrested at the scene and booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for a violation of his parole, and for being in possession of a dangerous weapon which was seized from his illegal campsite.

The officer involved, Ron Inouye, is a 5 year veteran of the department assigned to the Parks Unit. Officer Inouye is involved in the department's K-9 training program. He has also trained dogs professionally and competitively in his off-duty time. Officer Inouye's experience has provided him with expertise in canine behavior and identification of aggressive actions.

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