



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 26, 2011—7:05 PM

LOCATION: 200 block Swift Street

TOPIC: Firearm –ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 11S-04238

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Derek Bodiford **Arrested:** Yes No

Age: 19 years old

Charges: 12025(b)(4) PC, Possession of Stolen Firearm, 626.9(b) PC, Possession of a Firearm within a School Zone, 148(a) PC, resisting arrest, 25662 B&P Minor in Possession of Alcohol

Address: Santa Cruz County Resident

INFORMATION:

On May 26, 2011 at approximately 7:05 pm Santa Cruz Police Department officers responded to the area of West Cliff Drive and Sacramento Avenue for a report of a vehicle driving recklessly with a flat tire and bullet holes in it. Dispatch updated that a firearm was thrown from the vehicle and was lying on a sidewalk in the area. Dispatch informed officers arriving in the area that an unknown male suspect had walked by the firearm and stole it off the sidewalk. The male suspect was last seen northbound on Stockton Avenue.

Officers arrived in the area and spotted Derek Bodiford matching the description of the male suspect who picked up the firearm walking northbound on Stockton Avenue toward Modesto Avenue. Mr. Bodiford ran from the officers into the back of a school in the 200 block of Swift Street. The officers quickly established a perimeter that included the police K-9 unit and calling for mutual aid from State Parks and the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department.

Santa Cruz Police Department officers saw Mr. Bodiford attempting to leave the school grounds via a back gate onto Merced Avenue. Mr. Bodiford was identified as the suspect who had stolen the firearm from the sidewalk. Mr. Bodiford was arrested for possession a stolen firearm, possession of a firearm within a school zone, resisting arrest and minor in possession of alcohol.

The firearm was not recovered. A K-9 unit from the Santa Cruz Police Department, a K-9 unit from the Santa Cruz Sheriff Department and multiple officers canvassed the area for the firearm. Santa Cruz Police made contact with school officials and residents in the area in regards to the firearm. The firearm is described as a silver semi-automatic firearm with black grips. Witnesses in the area had photos of the firearm and of Mr. Bodiford taking the firearm.

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

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