



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 UPDATE

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

UPDATE:

On May 27, 2011 in the early morning hours Santa Cruz Police Detectives re-contacted Mr. Bodiford in the County Jail where he was booked and held on a \$100,000 bail. Mr. Bodiford was forthcoming with information that the firearm was somewhere in the general vicinity that officers first located him. This was due to the public safety risk that a child could find the firearm. Santa Cruz Police Detectives went back out to the 100 block of Stockton Avenue to search for the firearm. Santa Cruz Police Detectives located the firearm in nearby bushes in front of a residence in the 100 block of Stockton Avenue. The school that was associated with this incident was contacted in regards to the safe recovery of the firearm as well as residents in the area that received the City Watch reverse 9-1-1 call warning about the firearm not being recovered.

The vehicle with the flat tire and bullet holes was found in the 200 block of San Jose Avenue within the City of Santa Cruz. The vehicle was a silver Mercedes E-430. Santa Cruz Police Detectives are actively investigating the vehicle in relation to any shootings within the City of Santa Cruz and surrounding jurisdictions. In addition, there were at least two people in the Mercedes at the time of the original reported reckless driving. Santa Cruz Police Detectives are working on descriptions of the occupants of the vehicle. Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at: (831) 420-5820.

BACKGROUND 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.

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995 or leave an anonymous tip on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com

