



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: October 1, 2011—10:30am

LOCATION: 700 block Front Street

TOPIC: False Imprisonment/Impersonating an Officer--ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 11S-08399

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

- Name:** Noah Paskus **Arrested:** Yes No
Age: 21 years old
Charges: 236 PC, False Imprisonment, 538d PC, False Impersonation of Peace Officer,
417.4 PC, Exhibit Imitation Firearm, 242 PC, Battery
Address: Transient (from Massachusetts)

VICTIM:

1. 20 year-old female – (Santa Cruz Resident)
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INFORMATION:

On Saturday, October 1, 2011 at approximately 10:30am, Santa Cruz police officers were dispatched to a brandishing of a firearm in the 700 block of Front Street. The female victim was knocking on the glass of a nearby business that employs her when a male suspect approached her from behind. The female victim felt what she believed to be a gun pushed into the back of her neck. The male suspect pushed her against the wall. The male suspect asked who she was. A fellow employee in the business saw what was happening. The employee exited the business and contacted the male suspect. The male suspect said it was okay and that he was an undercover police officer. The male suspect further told the employee that he had a gun and started to walk away. Witnesses called 9-1-1.

Santa Cruz police responded and quickly found Noah Paskus within a parking lot in the 700 block of Front Street. Mr. Paskus had a replica handgun in his possession. Mr. Paskus was identified as the male suspect. Mr. Paskus was arrested for false imprisonment, exhibiting an imitation firearm, impersonating a peace officer and battery. Mr. Paskus was booked in the County Jail. The victim sustained minor injuries. The victim's injuries did not require medical attention.

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

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