



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**DATE/TIME:** October 31, 2011 – 12:05 AM

**LOCATION:** Cedar and Laurel

**TOPIC:** Armed Robbery ARREST

**CASE NUMBER:** 11S-09287

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**INVOLVED SUBJECTS:**

1. Name: Godswill Ikeokwu

Arrested:  Yes  No

DOB: 24 years-old

Charges: Armed Robbery, Resisting Arrest

**VICTIM:**

Male – Oregon State Resident – 18 years-old

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**INFORMATION:**

On October 31, 2011 at 12:05 am, a Santa Cruz Police Department officer on routine patrol was flagged down near the corner of Laurel and Pacific by an 18 year-old male victim. The victim, an Oregon State resident in town visiting friends, stated that he had been robbed at gunpoint near the corner of Cedar and Laurel a few minutes earlier. According to the victim, he and a friend were grabbing food at a restaurant near the corner of Laurel and Cedar when he stepped outside while the food was being prepared. Soon after, a male suspect approached him with a silver handgun and demanded that he “empty out [his] pockets.” The victim complied and the suspect fled in an unknown direction.

The victim’s friend exited the restaurant with the food and, when told what happened, both headed on foot toward Pacific Avenue to seek help. Moments later they saw the patrol car and flagged it down.

Officers broadcast a description of the suspect and began canvassing the area. A responding officer spotted a suspect matching the description, Godswill Ikeokwu, walking near Laurel Street Extension and Front Street. The officer commanded Mr. Ikeokwu to sit down. Mr. Ikeokwu initially complied and then fled on foot toward the river levee path. The officer gave chase and caught Mr. Ikeokwu on the levee path a short distance later.

Witnesses were able to positively identify Mr. Ikeokwu as the suspect in the case. No weapon has been located.

He was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for armed robbery and resisting arrest (fleeing). The victim was not physically injured during the incident.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave an anonymous tip at [www.santacruzpolice.com](http://www.santacruzpolice.com) or via the department’s mobile app.