

officers located a loaded handgun. Stolen items were also found near the area that witnesses had seen Mr. Sasse toss things from the car.

Within the motel room, officers located Christina Ruiz. Ms. Ruiz is on parole for burglary. The victims were able to identify Mr. Sasse as the suspect.

Mr. Sasse was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for armed robbery and Ms. Ruiz was booked for a parole violation. The victims were not physically injured during the incident. Investigators are working to determine if Mr. Sasse is connected to other crimes in our area.

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 or via the department's mobile app.

