



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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: March 29, 2012

LOCATION: 200 Block of Benito Avenue

TOPIC: Child Molest ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 12S-01824, 12S-02570 & 12S-02443

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: David Escobar Arrested: Yes No
DOB: 42 years-old Charges: 288(a), 289, 288.2, 288.3
Address: Scotts Valley Resident

VICTIM: Female Juvenile – 14 years-old – Santa Cruz City Resident

UPDATE:

On the morning of March 29th, 2012, David Escobar was re-arrested based on new information developed since his first arrest on 03-21-12. The new information was obtained from an additional victim who came forward after seeing the media coverage related to Escobar's initial arrest.

Escobar was re-arrested in the 200 block of Benito Avenue for the new case, 12S-02570. He was arrested for committing numerous crimes against a minor victim, including unlawful sexual intercourse, oral copulation, sodomy, penetration with a foreign object, and sending lewd and lascivious materials to a minor. The incidents occurred between 2010 and 2011. Escobar was also arrested for suspicion of possessing child pornography 12S-02443. That case involves an additional unidentified minor victim.

David Escobar's is being held at the Santa Cruz Jail with a \$1,000,000.00 bail.

The latest cases investigated also involved victims already known to the suspect. The victims appear to be connected to the suspect's inner circle of family and friends.

Santa Cruz Police Department investigators are still actively working to determine if there are any additional local victims. Therefore, investigators are asking that anyone with information please contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at 831-420-5820 or leave a tip via the iPhone app or on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In late February, Santa Cruz Police Department investigators received a tip from a parent about possible inappropriate contact between a 42 year-old male and a 14 year-old juvenile. The parent of the juvenile claimed that the subject, David Escobar, was engaging in inappropriate Facebook and text message communications with the juvenile that were sexual in nature.

Over the course of the next few weeks, detectives were able to determine that Mr. Escobar had sent nearly 3,800 text messages to the victim in one month and also communicated with her via Facebook and gaming networks. It appears that Mr. Escobar arranged to meet the victim at her school during lunch on multiple occasions and would engage in sexual activity with her in his vehicle. On March 21, 2012 officers went to Mr. Escobar's work to interview him. Based on statements made by Mr. Escobar, and information obtained from social media and text messages, Mr. Escobar was arrested for lewd acts with a minor, contacting a minor with intent to have sex, sending inappropriate images to a minor and other charges.

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995

