



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Aug 5, 2012/ 7:15 pm

LOCATION: 600 Block of Front St.

TOPIC: Assault with Deadly Weapon/ Brandishing of Knife **CASE NUMBER:** 12S-06779

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Christian Martinez **Arrested:** Yes No
DOB: 2-14-83 **Charges:** 245(a)(1)pc: Assault with a deadly weapon
417(a)(1)pc: Brandishing a weapon
Address: Watsonville Resident

VICTIM(S) **AGE**
Santa Cruz Resident 56 years old

INFORMATION:

On August 5, 2012 at approximately 7:15 pm the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to a convenient store in the 600 Block of Front St for a shoplifter actively fighting with a security guard outside the store. The suspect had stolen a bottle of alcohol which was recovered by store security but the suspect did not want to wait for the Santa Cruz Police Department to respond. As the security guard was trying to detain the suspect, an uninvolved witness stepped in to assist the security guard. While resisting the security guard, the suspect pulled out a switch blade knife and stabbed the witness in the right forearm. The suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of the Santa Cruz Police. An area search was conducted by multiple officers for the suspect. A subject matching the description was detained in the 400 block of Front St. The subject was positively identified by multiple witnesses as the suspect in the incident in the 600 block of Front St. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was identified as Christian Martinez, a 29 year old resident of Watsonville. Martinez was booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail for the above listed charges.

The victim sustained a moderate stab wound to his right forearm. He was transported to Dominican Hospital by AMR and treated for his injury. His injury did not appear to be a life-threatening injury. The security guard did not sustain any injuries during the altercation.

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