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SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SERGEANT PROMOTIONS

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of David Forbus and Jose Garcia to Sergeant. Sergeant Forbus and Sergeant Garcia, both 12-year veterans of the department, will be assigned to the Operations Division.

“It is a testament to our department to have the caliber of applicants we were graced with for sergeant,” Chief Kevin Vogel said. “Sergeant Forbus and Sergeant Garcia embody the work ethic, commitment to service and community values that are hallmarks of our department. Our community can be proud of the next generation of leadership at the Santa Cruz Police Department.”

Throughout his career, Sergeant Forbus has worked in patrol, investigations, the Neighborhood Enforcement Team and a countywide narcotics task force. Sergeant Forbus is a Field Training Officer and was a founding member of the Emergency Services Unit (SWAT). He is a certified gang and narcotics expert and while assigned to investigations he worked on a number of high-profile cases.

In addition, Sergeant Forbus received the Hazardous Duty Award for disarming a suspect that attacked him with a knife. He holds a degree in Sociology from Chico State University lives in Santa Cruz County with wife and two children. His brother, Daniel, is an officer at the Santa Cruz Police Department and his father Don was a Deputy Sheriff in Santa Cruz County. He was born and raised in Santa Cruz.

Sergeant Garcia started his work with the Santa Cruz Police Department as a volunteer. He became a non-sworn Community Service Officer before being hired as a police officer 12 years ago.

Over the course of his career, Sergeant Garcia has worked as a foot patrol officer in the Beach Area, worked in property crimes, sex crimes and as a homicide detective. He has served on multiple local/federal taskforces dealing with narcotics and gangs. While assigned to investigations Sergeant Garcia was the lead investigator on some of the highest profile homicides and gang-related incidents in our city’s history.

Sergeant Garcia is one of the founding members of the Emergency Services Unit (SWAT) and is a certified Hostage Negotiator. He currently serves as a K9 handler for the department. Sergeant Garcia is a firearms instructor and certified gang and narcotics expert. In addition, Sergeant Garcia was instrumental in developing and expanding the Spanish language Citizen's Police Academy.

He lives in Santa Cruz County with his family.

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