



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** January 1, 2013

**LOCATION:** 300 Block Walnut Ave and 100 Block Pearl St

**TOPIC:** Burglary Arrests

**CASE NUMBER:** 13S-00016 and 13S-00018

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**INFORMATION:**

In the early morning hours of January 1, 2013, Santa Cruz Police responded to 2 separate Burglary in progress calls. Both incidents involved a suspect inside an occupied home. Both suspects were subsequently arrested by responding officers.

**Case 13S-00016**

**SUSPECT:** Jose Manual Rodriguez aka: Jose Manual Gomez 23 years, Transient from Watsonville

At approximately 4:34 AM officers responded to a home in the 300 block of Walnut Avenue. The victim reported waking to the suspect (later identified as Jose Manual Gomez) standing over her in bed. The victim's boyfriend was staying in the home and confronted Mr. Gomez with a flare and a Samurai sword.

Mr. Gomez fled from the home, as 9-1-1 was being called. As officers were arriving they found Mr. Gomez back at the home urinating on the front door of the victim's home. Mr. Gomez was immediately taken into custody and identified as the suspect.

Mr. Gomez was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for Burglary. A bail increase to \$50,000 was authorized by Judge Volkman. Mr. Gomez is a transient from Watsonville where he has an extensive history of arrest to include trespassing and sexual battery.

**Case 13-00018**

**SUSPECT:** Male Juvenile 16 years, Santa Cruz Resident

At approximately 5:56 AM officers responded to a home in the 100 block of Pearl Street. The victim reported being awakened by noises at both her front and back doors. When checking the noises, she saw the bathroom light come on. Upon opening the bathroom door she saw the suspect climbing out of her bathroom window and escaping to a nearby apartment.

Responding officers located the suspect inside a vacant apartment. The suspect, a 16 year old juvenile, formerly resided with his family in the now vacant apartment he fled to. The suspect was found in possession of underpants belonging to the victim. He also had other female underpants in his possession, presumably from another unknown victim.

The suspect was booked into Juvenile Hall for Burglary.

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