



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 24, 2013

LOCATION: 2700 block Mattison Lane – Unincorporated Live Oak

TOPIC: Conspiracy to Commit Grand Theft and Firearms Violations

CASE NUMBER: 13S-04203

Arrested:

**Nicholas Charles Yukich – 54 Years Old
Santa Cruz – Live Oak area Resident**

INFORMATION

In the early morning hours of May 24, 2013, Santa Cruz Police Department Detectives served a search warrant on a mobile home in the Beachcomber Mobile Home Park on Mattison Lane in the unincorporated Live Oak area. The search warrant was part of an ongoing investigation into an elaborate plot of Grand Theft from a Santa Cruz business. Suspect Nicholas Yukich was arrested in the early morning hours of May 24, 2013 in the city of Santa Cruz on charges of conspiracy to commit Grand Theft. Yukich was arrested before he was able to carry out his planned heist.

Detectives learned of the plot from informants and began exploring the information. The investigation revealed that Mr. Yukich was the mastermind behind the planned heist, and he attempted to recruit others into his scheme. The plan had been in the works for months and included surveillance and reconnaissance of the intended target.

In the course of serving the search warrant, Detectives uncovered a cache of weapons, including assault rifles, shotguns and handguns. In all, 48 firearms, numerous high-capacity magazines and over 50,000 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the mobile home.

Many of the seized firearms (Photos Attached) are believed to be in violation of California State laws prohibiting certain types of firearms classified as "Assault Weapons". Additionally, some of the ammunition is believed to be "armor-piercing" and also illegal to possess in California.

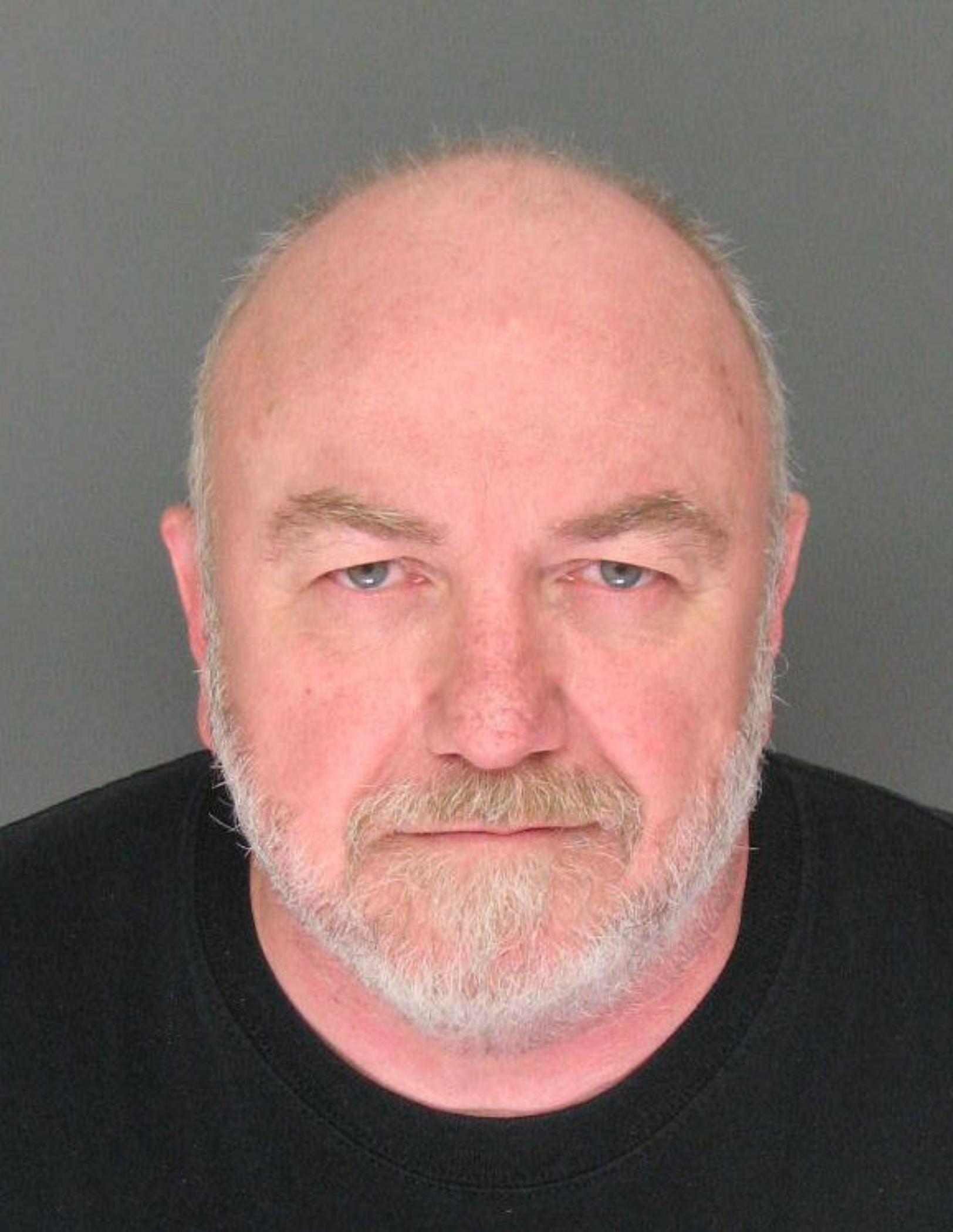
Detectives are continuing to pour over the cache of weapons and ammunition. Experts from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are being consulted to assist in classifying the firearms and ammunition.

Yukich is currently being held in the Santa Cruz County Jail on a charge of conspiracy to commit Grand Theft with a \$500,000 bail. Additional firearms charges are pending.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

Phone: (831) 420-5815

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995 or use our mobile iPhone and Android App











135-04203
99DF-052
560-20661

135-04203
99DF-052
053



It's here!
cafe press

It's here!
cafe press

It's here!
cafe press

