



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: March 11, 2014

LOCATION: Bay St and Seaside St

TOPIC: Arrest in Sexually Motivated Attack

CASE NUMBER: 14S-01729

INFORMATION:

Quick work and collaboration by our Detectives and our in-house Probation Officer led to the identification and arrest of suspect Jose Juan Solorzano – (18yrs Santa Cruz resident), for a sexually motivated attack at Bay and Seaside Streets. Mr. Solorzano was arrested in less than 24 hours after attacking a woman on a street corner.

On Thursday night March 6th at approximately 11:00 PM, Mr. Solorzano attacked a lone female at the corner of Bay and Seaside. The victim was standing on the corner talking on her cell phone when Mr. Solorzano approached and attacked her. The victim was able to fight off Mr. Solorzano after he forcefully grabbed and fondled her.

The suspect fled the scene and the victim ran home where she relayed the story to her roommates and called 9-1-1. The victim is an amazing 20 year old female. Not only was she brave and courageous during the attack, but she did an excellent job working with our Detectives and sketch artist to give a great description of the suspect and events.

Detectives worked throughout the night with the victim and a sketch artist. In the morning, a Probation Officer working in-house at the Santa Cruz Police Department viewed the sketch and recognized a possible suspect. Detectives continued to follow up on the lead and successfully identified the suspect as Mr. Solorzano.

Mr. Solorzano was located and arrested by Detectives in the 300 block of Swift Street at approximately 12:30 on Friday March 7th.

Detectives also served a search warrant and collected evidence at the suspect's home on Grandview Street. During questioning by Detectives, Mr. Solorzano admitted to this attack as well as others that occurred on the West side of Santa Cruz in April 2013. Today, March 11th, Detectives completed follow up on those cases and we expect Mr. Solorzano to be charged with those two attacks as well.

Mr. Solorzano was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on multiple charges related to the attack. (Photo on following page)

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