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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 1/31/13 at 9:00 p.m.
Location of Incident: 400 block of San Andreas Rd., Watsonville
Case Number: 13-00966
Type of Incident: Commercial Burglary - \$7,000 worth of roses stolen
Suspect: Saul Rodriguez, Age 35, Watsonville
Photo Available: Yes

Description of Incident:

On 2/18/13 at 2:30 p.m., Saul Rodriguez was arrested by the Santa Cruz Sheriff's after a two week investigation into a commercial burglary where \$7,000 worth of long stem roses were stolen.

On 2/1/13 at 7:30 a.m. the manager of Monterey Bay Bouquet reported the main warehouse on San Andreas Road had been burglarized and \$7,000 dollars worth of long stem roses had been stolen. The deputies collected physical evidence left at the scene and were able to identify Saul Rodriguez as the suspect.

On 2/18/13, Rodriguez turned himself into the Santa Cruz County Jail and he was arrested and booked. His bail is set at \$25,000.

Since the flowers were stolen two weeks before Valentine's Day, Saul was unable to sell the flowers. The roses die quickly and he had to discard the flowers in a ditch off of Highway 152.

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