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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 10/18/13 at 10:45 a.m.
Location of Incident: 1500 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz
Case Number: 13-8069, 13-8741
Type of Incident: Child Molestation Charges
Suspect(s): Brian Criswell
Photo(s) Available: Yes ☒ No ☐

Description of Incident:

On 10/4/13, Sheriff's Deputies arrested Brian Criswell for child molestation. Sheriff's Deputies determined after a detailed investigation that Criswell had illegal conduct with a minor through his role as a court appointed advocate with the Santa Cruz CASA program.

After additional follow up investigation was conducted, Criswell was charged with additional child molestation charges in regard to another victim from incidents beginning in approximately 2009 until 2011. Investigators believe that additional victims of child molest may exist in our community based on the contact Criswell had with children in the area through his role as a local youth counselor, a youth advocate, and a local sports coach.

The Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone with information regarding this investigation contact Deputy Shearer at (831)454-2311 from Monday through Friday during business hours.

Press Release prepared by: Deputy Ryan Kennedy

Press Release Approved by: Lt. Craig Wilson

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