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Hidden Bathroom Camera Arrest Made

DATE / TIME: 6/21/18 at 1530 hours **CASE #:** 18-05365

LOCATION: 816 41st Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

TYPE OF CRIME:

311.3 (a) PC	Sexual Exploitation of a Child	Felony
459 PC	Burglary	Felony
647 (j) (3) (A) PC	Using a Camcorder in a Restroom	Misdemeanor

SUSPECT ARRESTED:

Sage Savage, 35-year-old Capitola resident

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

On 6/21/18 at 2:42 P.M., an employee from Verve Coffee Roasters located at 816 41st Avenue found a video recording device in the restroom. The Verve Called the Sheriff's Office and we learned the recording device was placed in the restroom on 6/21/18 at 12:30 P.M. and was discovered by staff around 3:30 P.M., limiting the exposure to a 3-hour time window. The recording device was pointed at the toilet and over a dozen videos of men, women, and children were captured on the device.

Management from Verve Coffee Roasters and the property managers are cooperating with this investigation. With the help of outdoor surveillance video, detectives were able to identify 35-year-old, Sage Savage as the man who placed the device in the restroom. Savage was not an employee and did not have any association to Verve Coffee Roasters.

Today, Sheriff's Detectives served a search warrant at the home of Savage in the 800 block of 41st Avenue and located additional evidence that linked Savage to the initial crime. Other recordings were found in Savage's home depicting sex acts with women who may not know they were being recorded.

Savage was arrested for Sexual Exploitation of a Child, Burglary, and Using a Camcorder in a Restroom. His bail was set at \$100,000 dollars.

Detectives are in the process of trying to locate additional victims who used the restroom on 6/21/18 between 12:30P.M. to 3:30 P.M. If you are a victim or have any additional information regarding this case, please contact either Detective Miyoshi at (831) 454-7642 or Detective Matson at (831) 454-7643.

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