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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 7/17/13 at 4:25 a.m.
Location of Incident: 259 Water Street, Santa Cruz
Case Number: 13-6108
Type of Incident: In-Custody Death
Photo(s) Available: Yes _____ No X

Description of Incident: On Wednesday 7/17/13 at approximately 4:25 AM, Amanda Sloan (30 years old), an inmate at the Santa Cruz County Jail, was found deceased by Corrections staff from an apparent suicide. Sloan was alone in a single cell at the time of her death.

Sloan was booked into the jail on 12/13/12 for assault with a firearm on a peace officer, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, discharging a firearm from a vehicle, reckless driving while evading a peace officer, as well as several other related charges. Sloan's last court date was 6/21/13.

The Coroner and the Sheriff's Office Investigation Division were summoned to conduct a thorough investigation. Sloan's next of kin was notified of the incident following the discovery of her death. The Coroner will conduct a medical examination to determine the manner and cause of her death.

Additional information will be released following the Coroner's investigation. County mental health will be working with inmates concerning the incident.

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