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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 6/11/14 at 1:00 p.m.

Location of Incident: 30th Avenue and Portola Drive, Santa Cruz

Case Number: 14-4396

Type of Incident: Arrest of robbery suspects

Suspect(s): Two suspects 15 years old, two suspects 16 years old

Photo(s) Available: Yes ____ No X

Description of Incident:

On 5-31-14 at approximately 4:00pm, three suspects wearing masks brandished a gun and knives at 3 juveniles and demanded their property on the train tracks at 30th Avenue and Portola in Santa Cruz. The suspects took the victims' property fled the area.

After a thorough investigation, Sheriff's Deputies were able to identify the three suspects and an additional involved suspect. On 6/11/14, deputies executed four simultaneous search warrants to collect evidence related to the robbery and later arrested three Soquel High School students and one Delta High School student with likely gang affiliations in connection to the robbery. During the investigation, one of the Soquel High School students arrested was also linked to another recent robbery. Three of the suspects were booked into Juvenile Hall for dissuading a witness charges and all four of the suspects were booked for robbery and gang enhancements.

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