



# County of Santa Cruz

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## Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 6/12/14 at 12:45 p.m.  
Location of Incident: 2300 Block of Byer Road, Santa Cruz  
Case Number: 14-4734  
Type of Incident: Arrest of sexual assault suspect  
Suspect(s): Eric Miller (34 years old Watsonville resident)  
Photo(s) Available: Yes  No

### Description of Incident:

On 6/12/14 at 12:45 pm, Eric Miller went into his ex-neighbor's house on the 2300 Block of Byer Road in Santa Cruz against her will and exposed himself. The victim yelled for help and ran out of the house but Miller grabbed her and pinned her to the ground. The victim was eventually able to struggle free and flee to a neighbor's house and called 911. Miller was located by Santa Cruz Police shortly thereafter on the 5200 block of Soquel Avenue in regards to an unrelated incident in which Miller's unusual behavior gained the attention of people in the area.

Sheriff's Detectives subsequently contacted Miller and conducted a thorough investigation into the sexual assault that occurred on Byer Road. Miller was arrested and booked into the Santa Cruz County jail for burglary with the intent to commit rape and false imprisonment.

Press Release prepared by: Deputy Ryan Kennedy

Press Release Approved by: Sgt. Jim Ross

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