



# County of Santa Cruz

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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-Cause of Death  
Photo(s) Available: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**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 a suicide. Sloan was alone in a single cell at the time of her death.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, medical examinations were conducted by the Sheriff's Office Forensic Pathologist. Following the medical examination, the pathologist determined that Amanda Sloan's cause of death was asphyxia by hanging.

Press Release Prepared by: Deputy Ryan Kennedy  
Press Release Approved by: Lieutenant Bob Payne  
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