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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event:	10/31/12 - Halloween Night		
Location of Incident:	Pacific Garden Mall in Santa Cruz		
Case Number:	12-9346, 12-9340, 12-9338		
Type of Incident:	Halloween Night Arrests		
Suspect(s):	Andrew Mora	age 25	Salinas
	Jeremy Murphy	age 30	Ben Lomond
	Billy Hill	age 30	Santa Cruz
Photo(s) Available:	Yes		

Description of Incident:

On October 31, 2012, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office assisted Santa Cruz Police Department by providing additional personnel for the Halloween celebration in Downtown Santa Cruz. Sheriff's Office personnel made several arrests during the evening.

Andrew Mora, age 25, Salinas was arrested for being a felon in possession of a loaded firearm with a gang enhancement. Mora is on Parole in Monterey County and is a known gang member. Mora possessed a loaded .22 caliber gun in his waistband and was contacted after deputies observed him loitering on the mall with other Halloween patrons.

Jeremy Murphy, age 30, Ben Lomond was arrested for being in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Murphy was arrested after deputies found him to be in possession of 1.9 grams methamphetamine while on the Pacific Garden Mall. He was arrested and booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail.

Billy Hill, age 30, Santa Cruz was arrested for being in possession of approximately 5.0 grams of methamphetamine and cocaine and resisting arrested. He was arrested and booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail.

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