

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY Sheriff-Coroner

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**Jim Hart** Sheriff-Coroner

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Santa Cruz County Sheriff-Coroner receives accreditation

The International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners announced the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office has received accreditation by the association.

To gain accreditation, the Sheriff's Office self-submitted to the process to ensure the operating policies, procedures and practices are within international guidelines. The Sheriff's Office was subject to review of 230 standards including administrative, forensic, investigative and facility reviews.

"The Accreditation Auditors made it clear the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office makes every effort to provide the highest level of service to the citizens, neighbors and visitors of Santa Cruz County," said Accreditation manager John Fudenberg.

It is through the hard work and dedication of Pathologist Dr. Stephany Fiore and Sgt. Ian Patrick that made the accreditation possible.

"When there is a loss of life in our community, we want to provide the most compassionate and thorough investigation we can and this accreditation speaks to how dedicated our staff is to doing just that," said Sheriff Jim Hart.

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