



# County of Santa Cruz

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## Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 2/21/2013 0800 Hours  
Location of Incident: Creek area behind Emeline Complex  
Case Number: N/A  
Type of Incident: Refuse / Unlawful Campsite Clean Up  
Suspect(s): None  
Photo(s) Available: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### Description of Incident:

On 2/21/2013 at approximately 0800 hours, Sheriff's Office personnel will work with local neighborhood groups and Community Corrections Inmates for a planned clean up of the creek bed area behind the Emeline Complex in Santa Cruz. Last week, residents who live nearby the affected area invited City Leaders, Neighborhood Groups, Sheriff's Office personnel and Santa Cruz Police Department personnel to view the problem areas. A plan was developed by local residents and officials to work in a coordinated effort to clean the area of trash and other debris. Long term strategies will be developed to prevent trespassers and unlawful campers from returning to the area.

Several abandoned campsites were located during the visit. Some of these abandoned campsites are located on private land in the city and these parcels border the county jurisdiction. A large amount of trash and refuse is located on the county property as well and has fallen into the creek bed.

Often times illegal trespassers avoid these areas after clean ups have been conducted, thus the importance of ridding the entire area of trash and debris in a timely fashion.

If additional press information is needed for this event, please email Lt. Steve Carney at [shf688@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:shf688@co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

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