



# County of Santa Cruz

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## Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 02/02/14 9:37 am  
Location of Incident: 4091 Fairway Dr., Soquel  
Case Number: 1400891  
Type of Incident: Weapons Violation Arrest  
Suspect(s): Benjamin James Chirco (23 years old)  
Photo(s) Available: Yes  No

### Description of Incident:

On 2/2/14 at approximately 9:30am, it was reported to the Sheriff's Office that at a subject known as Ben Chirco fired a shotgun at a victim in the 4900 block of Fairway Drive in Aptos. Deputies contacted the victim of the incident and determined they were unharmed. Deputies conducted a thorough follow up investigation and found probable cause that Ben Chirco was responsible for firing a shotgun at the victim.

On 2/4/14 Sheriff's Office Detectives executed a search warrant at Ben Chirco's residence, 4091 Fairway Dr., Soquel. Detectives located the loaded shotgun believed to be involved in this incident inside Chirco's residence. Ben Chirco was arrested during execution of the search warrant for PC 245-Assault with a Firearm and PC 246.3-Grossly Negligent Discharge of a Firearm.

Chirco was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail with a \$25,000 bail.

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