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## Media Release: September 5, 2020 **Dog Theft**

On September 2, 2020 at around 5:00pm a Santa Cruz County resident was in the parking lot at Moran Lake Park with his dog, Kata, when a woman in a green Subaru Forester hatchback began talking to them.

As the man began getting his surfboard out of his car, the woman took the dog into her car and locked the doors. The victim tried to stop the suspect from driving away before she drove off, narrowly missing the victim and taking Kata with her.

It is believed there was a witness nearby that may have photos of the suspect or her vehicle. The suspect was last seen leaving the parking lot on East Cliff Avenue towards 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. The suspect is described as a white female in her 30's with short curly brown hair wearing a black or brown sweatshirt and gray sweatpants.

Kata is a 5-year-old Jack Russell Terrier-Beagle mix and was wearing a blue harness with a green leash. Anyone with information regarding this case is being asked to call our non-emergency dispatch center 831-471-1121 and refer to case #2007194.

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