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K9 ALERT LEADS TO THREE ARRESTS FOR NARCOTICS POSSESSION

On October 7th, 2025, at about 10:32pm, officers conducted a vehicle enforcement stop near the intersection of N. Third Street and E. Elm Avenue, on a silver Jaguar for both speed and mechanical violations. Upon contacting the three occupants of the vehicle, who were from Santa Cruz, officers noticed several inconsistencies in the statements made by the driver. The vehicle was also unregistered and uninsured.

The behavior of the occupants led officers to believe they were involved in narcotic criminal activity. Officers requested assistance from the on-duty canine officer, K9 "Boss" to conduct an open free air exterior sniff of the vehicle while the officer wrote the driver a citation for the vehicle code violations he observed.

K9 "Boss" arrived on scene, all three occupants were removed from the vehicle, and an open free air exterior sniff of the vehicle was conducted. K9 "Boss" alerted to the odor of illegal narcotics, giving officers the probable cause needed to search of the vehicle. Officers located over half an ounce of illegal narcotics inside of the vehicle and found two of the occupants to be in possession of illegal narcotics on their person.

The illegal narcotics found and recovered were crystal methamphetamine, fentanyl, and LSD tabs.

All three subjects were arrested for narcotics possession, and the vehicle was towed.