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Jail Disturbance Resolved

DATE / TIME: 1/16/18 at around 2 pm **CASE #:** 18-00446
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Main Jail

Over the last several days, male inmates residing in a housing unit at the Main Jail became increasingly concerned about the unit's ambient air temperature. Maintenance has been actively working to increase the temperature above 70 degrees and Jail staff provided extra blankets in the interim. Over the last 24 hours, the inmates became increasingly non-compliant to the point that they refused Correctional staff directives, used mattresses as makeshift barricades and prepared tools for offensive and defensive use. Despite hours of Correctional staff attempting to resolve and deescalate the disturbance, the inmates ultimately refused to follow lawful directives.

Shortly before 2 pm this afternoon, Sheriff's Office staff entered the housing unit to restore safety and order. None of the inmates or Sheriff's Office staff suffered any serious injuries.

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