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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INCREASES REWARD TO \$50,000**

Today the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced they would provide an additional \$20,000 to significantly increase the current reward fund. "The methodical and calculated steps these extremists took showed blatant disregard for the safety and welfare of our community" Police Chief Howard Skerry said, "this reward is an important first step toward bringing those involved to justice." The reward fund now stands at \$50,000.

"The guarantee of free speech embodied in the Bill of Rights envisions responsible protest and respect for others," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Charlene B. Thornton. "When people become so blinded by ideology they commit crimes that trample the rights of their neighbors and put lives in danger, the FBI must act. We hope this reward serves as an incentive to take the often difficult step of bringing important information to the attention of law enforcement."

The Santa Cruz Police Department is hoping the reward offer will act as an inducement for additional individuals to come forward and offer information which may be of assistance to the agency in its criminal investigation. Anyone with information about the case is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820.

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