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DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEFFREY ROSELL ANNOUNCES CHARGES AGAINST BLM VANDALS

Santa Cruz County District Attorney, Jeffrey Rosell announced today the criminal charges filed against the two named defendants, Hagan Warner, and Brandon Bochat for vandalizing the Black Lives Matter mural in downtown Santa Cruz. The charges are Felony Vandalism, in violation of Penal Code Section 594, and a special allegation of a Hate Crime in commission of that vandalism. Both defendants appeared in court with attorneys and pled not guilty to the charges. The District Attorney's office asked for an increase in bail to \$35,000, and the Honorable Judge Cogliati increased bail to \$15,000. The case continues being fully investigated by our office with the help of the Santa Cruz Police Department.

The next court date is on September 17, 2021, in Department 6.