

Gravestones ruined by cemetery vandals

Santa Cruz police seek tips from public

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Santa Cruz police are trying to bolster a few scanty leads with information from the public as they seek vandals who damaged more than 75 old grave markers and statues at Santa Cruz Memorial Park.

The vandals struck between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. Saturday, knocking over the gravestones and breaking water lines, flooding the area where the vandalism took place.

"We have a few investigative leads we're following up," Sgt. Dave St. Onge said Sunday, but he said police aren't close to arresting anyone. He has asked anyone with information to contact the Investigations Section at (408) 429-3725.

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Police said damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars. "There are very, very old grave sites out there," St. Onge said. Some graves in the cemetery on Ocean Street may be more than 75 years old, but not 100 as was previously reported, he said. "Over 100 might be pushing it a little bit."