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## Graffiti mural tagged as vandalism

### Sentinel staff report

APTOS — A 20-year-old Aptos man was arrested this week on vandalism charges after authorities said he spray-painted a giant graffiti mural.

Jeremiah Steinberg was found in a concrete tunnel in the 900 block of Soquel Drive with 22 cans of spray paint, said sheriff's spokesman Kim Allyn. Another alleged vandal also was spotted, but he ran away.

Firefighters from the Aptos/La Selva Fire Department reported possible vandalism in the creek bed beneath a railroad trestle at about 1:30 p.m., Allyn said.

Sheriff's Deputy Barry Wallace said as he approached Soquel Creek he could hear two male voices and then he said he saw two young men on

the opposite bank intently spray-painting a 20-foot-long concrete facade.

"Dozens of spray cans were lying about in the creek bed," Wallace said, according to sheriff's reports.

After one of the suspects, known by the name, "Mesh," saw Wallace, he grabbed his backpack full of paint and ran, Allyn said.

Wallace jumped over the creek and detained Steinberg. Wallace said he read Steinberg his rights, and Steinberg agreed to talk to him.

Steinberg reportedly said he thought it was OK to do graffiti in that area and that he and "Mesh," whom he had just met, were painting over existing graffiti.

Wallace cited Steinberg for misdemeanor vandalism and released him.