

To whom it may concern, I John Roskelley, was on routine patrol in full uniform and in a marked ranger vehicle when at approximately 1715 hours I observed a single vehicle parked after hours (sunset) in the Neary lagoon parking lot. The parking lot was dark, (having set that day at 1651). I then wrote a citation for 10.40.1801, "parking in lot during closed hours". I placed the citation on the windshield, observed someone sleeping inside, tapped on the driver side window, and said in a normal voice, "park's closed, gotta go", then got into my vehicle and left.

As you can see in the subject's photo, the sign is actually referencing parking along the access road from the waste water treatment plant, not in front of the parking spaces, which are actually within the park boundary, not the access road, and governed by the rules and hours of the park.

While their complaint and claims are without merit, it should be noted that the subjects in this vehicle often arrive early in the morning, and sleep in their car all day. While I do not believe this is illegal, the lot is limited to just 4 regular spaces and 1 handicapped space (which they often will occupy all day) and is not the intended use of such limited parking.

The subjects are known to make false claims and statements, known to be verbally hostile to law enforcement and park staff, and have often caused verbal altercations between themselves and park staff, other park visitors, including children.

It is for this reason that no special consideration should be given, and the citation should be upheld.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Roskelley".

John Roskelley
Police Ranger #360
City of Santa Cruz