



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: November 18, 2024

LOCATION: Almar at Rankin St

TOPIC: Shooting Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 24S-05888

INFORMATION

On November 15, 2024, at approximately 8:08 PM, a shooting occurred near the intersection of Almar Av and Rankin St. A suspect vehicle drove up to the front of a nearby restaurant, where the suspect exited the vehicle, fired multiple shots and then fled the area in the vehicle. A Santa Cruz Police Officer, who was nearby on an unrelated call for service, heard the shots, and immediately ran to the scene.

Upon arrival, the officer located two victims who had sustained gunshot wounds and began administering lifesaving efforts. The victims received treatment at the scene from fire and AMR paramedics and were then taken to a trauma center, where they are currently in stable condition. The suspect vehicle, a silver sedan, was seen fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed.

SCPD investigators were called in to begin immediate follow-up. Through their investigation, they learned that a verbal altercation occurred outside the business between two rival gangs. The suspect then shot multiple rounds at the opposing gang; however, two uninvolved and innocent bystanders were struck by the rounds.

The investigation is ongoing, and we will share information as soon as we can that won't jeopardize the case. Investigators continued to work on the case throughout the weekend to develop possible suspect leads. Anyone who may have witnessed the shooting is encouraged to contact Santa Cruz Police.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Jon Bush

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