

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: Saturday, August 28, 2011—12:27 AM & 1:00AM

LOCATION: Fair Avenue at Railroad Tracks / High Street at Storey Street

TOPIC: Armed Robbery

CASE NUMBER: 11S-07331 & 11S-07334

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Suspect #1: White male adult, approximately 18, 6'02", medium build wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and a red bandana (covering his face) with a black semiautomatic handgun

- 2. Suspect #2: White male adult, approximately 18, 5'08", wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and a white bandana (covering his face) with a knife
- 3. Suspect #3: Unknown Description, Possible Driver

Vehicle: white station wagon or truck

VICTIMS

- 1. 17 year-old juvenile (Santa Cruz Resident)
- 2. 13 year-old juvenile (Santa Cruz Resident)
- 3. 20 year-old female (Santa Cruz Resident)
- 4. 20 year-old male (Berkeley Resident)

INFORMATION:

On August 28, 2011 at approximately 12:37 am, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to a report of an armed robbery in the area of Fair Avenue and the Railroad Tracks. The victims were walking in the area when they were approached by two unknown suspects wearing bandanas over their face. One suspect pulled out a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded that the victims empty their pockets. The suspects stole two cellular phones and money. The suspects told the victims to start running and the suspects fled the area. Officers did an exhaustive search of the area for the possible suspects. Both Santa Cruz Police Department canines were involved in the search of the area. The suspects were not located. There was information that the suspects may have left in a white truck with an unknown license plate.

Approximately ten minutes later, the victims contacted police. The victims described the first suspect with the black semi-automatic handgun as a White male adult, approximately 18, 6'02", medium build wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and a red bandana (covering his face). The second suspect was described as a White male adult, approximately 18, 5'08", wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and a white bandana (covering his face).

On August 28, 2011 at approximately 2:37 am, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to an armed robbery that occurred at approximately 1:00 am near High Street at Storey Street. The suspect descriptions were similar to the armed robbery from Fair Avenue and the Railroad Tracks including a black semi-automatic handgun being used in the robbery. The second suspect had a knife in his possession. The suspects demanded that the victims empty their pockets and give them their possessions. The suspects stole a backpack, wallet with cash and a cellular phone. The suspects told the victims to start running. The victim stated that the suspects fled the scene in a white station wagon that was being driven by an unknown third suspect.

The victims did not sustain any injuries during either robbery. Citizens are urged to call 9-1-1 if they see anyone with similar descriptions.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at: (831) 420-5820

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995 or leave an anonymous tip on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com