

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: May 7, 2012 – 11:52 AM <u>LOCATION</u>: 300 Block of Broadway

TOPIC: Homicide ARREST CASE NUMBER: 12S-03763

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Male – Name Withheld Pending Interviews Arrested: [X] Yes [] No

DOB: 44 Years-Old Charges: 187

San Francisco Resident (Last Known Residence)

<u>VICTIM(S)</u> <u>AGE</u>

Female 39 years-old – Live Oak Resident (Last Known Residence)

INFORMATION:

On May 7, 2012 at 11:52 am, Santa Cruz Police officers received a report of a knife brandishing and possible stabbing occurring in the 300 block of Broadway. Officers immediately responded to scene and area perimeter. Officers located a female victim with multiple stab wounds and along with medical personnel attempted to render aid. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene a few minutes later. Perimeter officers located a male subject matching the description of the suspect a short distance away at Barson and Campbell. Based on witness statements and items of evidentiary value found at the scene and on the suspect, officers arrested the male suspect for homicide.

At the scene officers located a weapon believed to have been used in the attack. State Department of Justice officials have been called in to help with evidence processing. At this point investigators are unsure of what relationship, if any, the suspect and victim had. There is no known motive at this stage of the investigation. Officers have closed Broadway between Campbell and Ocean for evidence processing and traffic is being detoured in the area.

The Coroner's Office is attempting to locate the next of kin of the victim. The victim's name will not be released until her family has been notified. The suspect's name will be released once some of elements of the investigation are completed today. Investigators learned that the suspect had previous contacts with San Francisco Police and local police and are working to determine what those contacts were. This is the first homicide in the city in over a year. There are no additional outstanding suspects associated with this case.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Santa Cruz Police Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave a tip via our website or mobile apps.

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