



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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: August 8th @ 8:07PM

LOCATION: 100 Block of San Lorenzo Blvd.

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 12S-06902

INVOLVED SUSPECT(S):

1. Name: Unknown Arrested: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Age: Unknown Charges: 187 PC (Homicide)

VICTIM:

1. Name: Withheld (Decedent) Age: 13
 Address: City of Santa Cruz Resident
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INFORMATION:

Shortly after 8 PM on the evening of August 8, 2012, Officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department were dispatched to the 100 block of San Lorenzo Blvd. for a report of a victim of a shooting who needed assistance. When officers arrived, they found a 13 year-old male juvenile victim lying on the sidewalk with gunshot wounds. A passing off-duty medical care worker immediately began medical aid to the victim. Emergency medical personnel dispatched to the scene quickly took over the medical aid. Despite having immediate medical aid available, the juvenile victim died from his gunshot wounds.

The juvenile victim has had numerous gang related contacts with police, and the shooting is believed to be gang related at this time. Witnesses at the scene provided varying descriptions of associated suspect vehicles, which are being followed up by Santa Cruz Police and Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force Investigators. Information obtained from witnesses also suggests there is a correlation between recent gang violence in the neighboring city of Watsonville and this crime.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Section @ 420-5820. An anonymous tip can also left at the number listed below.

For additional press information, contact: Deputy Chief Rick Martinez Phone: (831) 420-5814

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995