



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Friday, September 21, 2012—7:52PM

LOCATION: Walnut Avenue @ California Street

TOPIC: Major Injury Solo Bicycle Accident

CASE NUMBER: 12S-08357

INVOLVED SUBJECT:

1. Bicyclist: 21 year old male (Santa Cruz Resident)
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INFORMATION:

On September 21, 2012 at approximately 7:52 pm, Santa Cruz Police Department officers responded to a solo bicycle accident that occurred at the intersection of Walnut Avenue at California Street. Officers were updated that the bicyclist had suffered major injuries. Santa Cruz Fire Department personnel and AMR paramedics additionally responded to the scene. Witnesses stated that the bicyclist was riding southbound on Walnut Avenue near California Street when the bicyclist lost control and went over his handlebars striking the roadway. There was a truck that just turned westbound onto California Street from northbound Walnut Avenue just prior to the accident, but had not collided with the bicyclist. The bicyclist was flown to an out of county trauma center with major injuries.

Traffic Investigators processed the scene. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet nor did the bicyclist have a bicycle light during the hours of darkness. The Santa Cruz Police Department urges that everyone wear a bicycle helmet regardless of age for their own safety and use a light as required by the California Vehicle Code during the hours of darkness.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Traffic Section Sergeant Scott Garner at: (831) 420-5862

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