



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: June 5, 2014 10:30 PM

LOCATION: Trinity Street

TOPIC: Attempted Homicide Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 14S-03986 & 14S-04561

The Santa Cruz Police Department announces the arrest of the following suspect for Attempted Homicide:

Jose Xilonzochilt – 18 years, Santa Cruz resident

On June 5, 2014 at 10:30 PM, Mr. Xilonzochilt was arrested during a traffic stop in the 100 block of Trinity Street. Mr. Xilonzochilt was driving a white 193 Honda Accord when he was stopped for a traffic violation. During the stop, Mr. Xilonzochilt attempted to give a false name. The officer recognized Mr. Xilonzochilt as a wanted suspect for this attempted homicide case. Earlier that day, Detectives attended roll call briefings at the beginning of the shift and announced the identification of Mr. Xilonzochilt as the shooter in this case, and the probable cause for his arrest. A bulletin was issued for Mr. Xilonzochilt's arrest.

As the officer attempted to take Mr. Xilonzochilt into custody, a violent fight ensued. Mr. Xilonzochilt attempted to remove the officer's handgun from his holster during the fight. A second officer assisted and deployed a Taser as Mr. Xilonzochilt was attempting to remove the officer's handgun. Mr. Xilonzochilt was subsequently controlled and taken into custody. During the arrest, Mr. Xilonzochilt was found in possession of methamphetamine and heroin.

The officer is a 12 year veteran of the department. He sustained injuries and was treated at Dominican Hospital. He is expected to be off work for several days while he recovers.

Background

On May 19, 2014, the Santa Cruz Police Department investigated a shooting that occurred near Third Street and Raymond Street. In that case, 4 San Jose residents were shot at following a confrontation in the Beach Flats neighborhood. The confrontation erupted over non-specific territorial gang tensions between Norteno gangs (Claim color red and number 14) and Sureno gangs (Claim color blue and number 13). One members of the San Jose group, a 20 year old pregnant female, was struck by one of the rounds and sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Our investigation identified Mr. Xilonzochilt as the shooter in this case. Mr. Xilonzochilt is a Beach Flats Sureno gang member and has a history of police contacts and arrests for gang related activity.

Mr. Xilonzochilt was booked into jail on multiple felony charges, including Attempted Homicide, Possession of Narcotics, Resisting Arrest, Attempting to Take an Officer's Firearm, and Participation in a Criminal Street Gang.

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