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MEDIA RELEASE



<u>DATE/TIME</u>: 07/05/14 0232 hrs <u>LOCATION</u>: San Lorenzo Park

<u>TOPIC</u>: Gang Related Stabbing <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 14S-05436

INFORMATION:

On the listed date and time, officers responded to the local Emergency Room for a victim of a stabbing that had occurred near San Lorenzo Park. The victim, a 28 year old Hayward resident, had received a stab wound to his abdomen and went immediately to surgery for his wound. Witnesses were located and taken to the location of the assault. According to witnesses, the victim had been walking through the park when he was contacted by three suspects. The suspects questioned the victim regarding his red flannel regarding any gang affiliation. The victim and witnesses denied any gang affiliation but the victim was still assaulted and stabbed.

While officers were searching the area around the crime scene, they contacted two subjects. These subjects were identified by witnesses as being involved in the assault. Alex Reyes, 23 yr old Santa Cruz resident, was identified as stabbing the victim. Juan Cruz, 30 year old Santa Cruz Resident, was identified as being involved in the assault of the victim. See attached photographs. Both subjects were arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and booked into jail.

The victim underwent surgery and was in stable condition. Anyone with any information regarding this crime is encouraged to call the Police Department or the police tip line listed below.

For additional information, contact: Lt. Dan Flippo Phone: (831) 420-5856

Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.



