



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** January 25, 2015/ 8:00 pm **LOCATION:** Pacific Ave/ Birch Lane

**TOPIC:** Attempted Murder with a Firearm **CASE NUMBER:** 15s-00787

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **Background:**

On January 25, 2015 at approximately 8:00 pm the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to reports of gunfire in the area of Pacific Ave. and Birch Lane. Upon arrival, two victims of gunshot wounds were located in a parked vehicle on Birch Lane. Both victims were treated and released from Dominican Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspects are still outstanding.

#### **Victims:**

16 year old female, Scotts Valley resident  
17 year old female, Ben Lomond resident

#### **Suspects:**

#1 (Shooter): a male wearing a tan or grey hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head and a mask or bandana covering his face.  
#2 (Driver): Hispanic male, approximately 25-30 years old, wearing a black jacket and has shiny, slicked back hair.

#### **Suspect Vehicle:**

Possibly a newer model vehicle similar to a Nissan Altima, either black or dark blue, 4-door, with tinted windows.

#### **Updated Information:**

The Santa Cruz Police Department continues to investigate the attempted murder that occurred on Sunday January 25, 2015 at approximately 8:00 pm. A vehicle with 2 male suspects was traveling on Birch Lane near Pacific Ave when they confronted the 3 male victims standing on Birch Lane. The 3 male victims standing on Birch Lane were talking with 2 female friends inside a parked vehicle. A confrontation of words between the two separate sets of male subjects occurred, which included gang slurs. One of the two male suspects in the suspect vehicle got out of the vehicle and began shooting at the 3 male victims. The 3 male victims fled the area and did not sustain any injuries. The 2 females in the parked vehicle were struck by the gun fire.

The 16 year old female victim sustained a grazing wound to her back. The 17 year old female victim sustained two gunshot wounds to her arm. Both victims were treated and later released from Dominican Hospital.

Both suspects and the suspect vehicle fled the area. The suspects, the suspect vehicle, and the firearm are all still outstanding. Santa Cruz Police Detectives are continuing to examine evidence and interview witnesses.

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