



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: February 5, 2015/ 7:04 p.m.

LOCATION: West Cliff Dr/ Bay St.

TOPIC: Vehicle Versus Pedestrian Fatal Collision-Arrest Made **CASE NUMBER:** 15S-01114

INFORMATION:

On February 5, 2015 at approximately 7:04 p.m. the Santa Cruz Police Department and the Santa Cruz Fire Department responded to the report of a vehicle versus pedestrian collision in the area of West Cliff Drive and Bay St.

Initial reports indicate the suspect vehicle was traveling westbound on West Cliff Drive and struck the pedestrian who was walking southbound in a marked crosswalk. The victim was walking with his wife, but the wife was not struck or injured. The solo driver of the suspect vehicle pulled around the corner onto Bay St. and pulled over. A witness to the collision contacted the suspect driver, physically restrained the suspect, and returned him to the scene of the collision.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim has been identified as a 74 year old male, and an out of town resident (more details pending notification of the family).

The suspect was arrested for felony DUI and felony vehicular manslaughter. The suspect was booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail with a \$100,000 bail. The suspect did not sustain any injuries in the collision.

The suspect has been identified as:

Robert Wright, 24 years old, and a Santa Cruz Resident. (photo pending)

The suspect vehicle was identified as:

A white Toyota Rav 4, with major front end damage.

West Cliff Drive was closed between Beach St and Bay St for approximately 5 hours while Santa Cruz Police Detectives and Traffic Collision experts thoroughly processed the scene.

For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Bernie Escalante

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