

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

MEDIA RELEASE



<u>DATE/TIME</u>: April 3, 2015, 7:30 p.m. <u>LOCATION</u>: River St. @ N. Pacific Ave.

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation CASE NUMBER: 15S-02819

INFORMATION:

On Friday April 3, 2015 at approximately 7:30 p.m. the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the report of gun shots in the area of River St. and North Pacific Ave. Upon our arrival, one victim was located with a single gunshot wound to his upper torso. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene by Santa Cruz Fire Medical personnel.

The victim's identity is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin. No other victims sustained injuries as a result of the shooting.

The Santa Cruz Police Department has received several different suspect descriptions, and is continuing to follow up on all witness statements. Traffic through the area will be impacted as roads are closed around the scene. The scene will continue to be processed by Detectives throughout the night.

For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Bernie Escalante Phone: (831) 420-5823

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