



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** April 4, 2015, 1100 a.m.      **LOCATION:** Soquel Ave at Seabright

**TOPIC:** Homicide Investigation-Arrest Made      **CASE NUMBER:** 15S-02819

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### **Background**

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.

### **Information**

The Santa Cruz Police Department worked diligently throughout the evening, following up on evidence and witness statements. In less than 24 hours, a \$1,000,000 arrest warrant was issued for the arrest of one suspect. The suspect was spotted at about 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 4, 2015 in the area of Broadway and Ocean St. A short foot chase of the suspect ensued and then the suspect got onto a City of Santa Cruz Muni bus. The bus was stopped in the area of Soquel Ave. and Seabright where the suspect was taken into custody. Nobody on the bus was injured. The identity of the suspect is not being released at this time due to the continuing investigation.

A second suspect has just been detained and will be interviewed by Santa Cruz Police Detectives. The identity of this subject is also not being released at this time due to the continuing investigation.

It has been determined that there were gang overtones related to the case.

For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Bernie Escalante

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