



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: April 6, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Jail

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation- Second Arrest Made

CASE NUMBER: 15S-02819

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.

Information

The Santa Cruz Police Department has arrested and booked a second suspect for his involvement in the homicide. The second suspect is identified as :

Jonah Namaau, 23 years, Santa Cruz resident. Namaau was a person of interest early in the investigation. He had been detained on Saturday April 4, 2015, interviewed, and ultimately booked into the jail on a parole violation. Namaau has now been arrested and booked into the County Jail on charges of murder, attempted murder, gang enhancement, discharge of a firearm, the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, and conspiracy. A photo will be released at a later time pending further investigation.

The first suspect that was arrested on Saturday April 4, 2015 at approximately 11:00 a.m. is identified as:

Brandon Thomas, 22 years, Santa Cruz resident. Thomas was arrested in less than 24 hours of the homicide on a \$1 million dollar arrest warrant. Thomas has been charged with murder, attempted murder, gang enhancement, discharge of a firearm, the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, and conspiracy. A photo is attached below.

The victim of the homicide has been identified as:

Samuel Weinberg, 18 years, Santa Cruz resident.

The Santa Cruz Police Department continues to sift through evidence and collect witness statements.

For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Bernie Escalante

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Suspect Brandon Thomas