



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: May 12, 2015 Approx. 10:45 PM

LOCATION: Mission St and Younglove Ave

TOPIC: Shooting Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 15S-04011

INFORMATION:

On May 12, 2015 at approximately 10:45pm, the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the area of Mission Street and Younglove Ave. for a report of shots heard. Several witnesses reported hearing multiple gun shots from the area of the Burger King restaurant parking lot.

A short while later, officers were dispatched to Dominican Hospital for a report of a victim with a gunshot wound. The victim was determined to be a 16 year old juvenile male with a gunshot wound in the upper torso.

The victim has a history of police contacts. In addition to being a known gang member, he is on active probation with gang terms. He was uncooperative with investigators and initially misled them on the location of the shooting. Later, the juvenile admitted his involvement in the incident on Younglove near the Burger King.

Detectives are continuing to follow up on leads and looking for additional video evidence. Officers have noticed a significant increase in gang graffiti around the area in the past few weeks. Gang investigators are following up this information and any possible ties to this incident.

After being medically cleared, the juvenile was arrested for a violation of his gang probation terms.

The police department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this shooting to contact investigators. Contact investigators at 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

Phone: (831) 420-5844

Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com . Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.