



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** May 17, 2015 at approx. 2:09 pm    **LOCATION:** 400 Block of Palm St.

**TOPIC:** Hit and Run with Injury    **CASE NUMBER:** 15S- 04151

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**INFORMATION:**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying the driver and vehicle involved in hit and run collision in a Westside neighborhood.

On May 17, 2015 at approximately 2:09 pm Santa Cruz Police Department responded to multiple reports of two vehicles in a chase in the area of Bay St and California St. Shortly after these initial reports, the police department began receiving calls regarding an injury hit and run in the 400 block of Palm St.

Witnesses described seeing a grey truck chasing an older black Mercedes in the area of Bay St and California. The speeding Mercedes eventually crashed into the curb on Palm St. The chasing truck followed and rear ended the Mercedes.

After hitting the Mercedes car, the driver of the truck then backed up and rammed the Mercedes for a second time. Witnesses described the truck intentionally slamming into the victim's car again. Both drivers were heard yelling at each other in the street.

After intentionally striking the victim's car, the suspect truck fled westbound on Palm St. The vehicle had significant front end damage.

The victim driver of the Mercedes was transported to Dominican Hospital with a compound fracture to his leg.

The suspect vehicle is described as light grey full size pickup truck. Attached is a photo provided by a witness that shows the suspect fleeing the scene. The suspect driver is described as being a white male in his late 40s.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this hit and run 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**

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

