



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: 7/27/15 7:55 PM

LOCATION: 1030 River Street

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 15S-06475

UPDATE #2

On July 27, 2015, Santa Cruz Police Detectives worked with FBI Agents continuing the follow up investigation into the disappearance of 8 year old Madyson Middleton.

At approximately 7:55 PM, Detectives discovered a body in a dumpster at the Tannery Arts Center complex, 1030 River Street. While the Coroner's Office will be responsible to confirm the identity, we are absolutely heartbroken to announce that the body appears to be that of 8 year old Madyson Middleton.

The investigation led to the arrest of a 15 year old male suspect at the Tannery Arts Center complex.

Detectives have sealed off a residence at the complex and are obtaining a search warrant for the apartment. Detectives will process the crime scene for evidence throughout the night.

Everyone associated with this case worked tirelessly in the hopes of bringing Maddy home safely. The Santa Cruz Police Department is extremely thankful to all of the first responders that came to assist in the search and investigation of this case. We are grateful to the American Red Cross who supported and fed all the first responders. We are also thankful to all the community members who posted flyers and offered support and assistance as we investigated this tragedy.

Further details will be released as they come available.

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