



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: September 7, 2015 8:24 PM

LOCATION: 300 Block Beach Street

TOPIC: Stabbing – Suspects Arrested

CASE NUMBER: 15S-07855

INFORMATION:

On September 7, 2015, Santa Cruz Officers responded to reports of a fight with weapons in the 300 block of Beach Street. When officers arrived they discovered two victims of a stabbing. The injuries were inflicted during a fight that originated on a sidewalk just outside the Boardwalk.

The victims are a 27 year-old male, and a 19 year-old male; both from San Jose.

As police and security officers began to arrive, the suspects fled toward the beach. Seaside Company security officers were on the scene within seconds and coordinated with arriving police units. They assisted in locating and capturing the suspects. As a result of the coordinated response, three suspects were taken into custody and arrested. A fourth suspect is still outstanding. Officers recovered a knife and a billy club at the scene.

The investigation shows this was an isolated fight sparked by gang tensions. The incident was quickly contained and no other area visitors were involved or injured in the confrontation.

Arrested were:

Pedro Espinoza – 27 years old from San Jose, CA

Miguel De La Rosa – 36 years from Tracy, CA

Fernando Valencia – 21 years old from San Jose, CA

All three were arrested for (1) Attempted Homicide, and (2) Participating in a Criminal Street Gang. Mr. Espinoza is also on active State Parole and was charged with a Violation of Parole. The fourth suspect is described as a Hispanic Male 20-30 years old, wearing a white T-Shirt and dark jeans. He was in the company of the three arrested.

The 27 year old victim sustained serious injuries from multiple stab wounds. He was flown to a Bay Area trauma center where he is still undergoing treatment. The 19 year old victim sustained moderate injuries from a stab wound and was released from Dominican Hospital.

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Pedro Espinoza



Miguel De La Rosa



Fernando Valencia

