

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

# **MEDIA RELEASE**



**DATE/TIME**: September 21, 2015 **LOCATION**: Soquel Ave. & Morrissey Blvd.

<u>TOPIC</u>: UPDATE- Vehicle & Pedestrian Collision <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 155-08252

### **INFORMATION:**

### **Update:**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is seeking the public's assistance to identify this woman who was struck by a vehicle. Early this morning, SCPD responded to a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on Soquel Ave and Morrissey Blvd. The pedestrian suffered major injuries and is in critical care at a bay area trauma center.

We are seeking the public's help to find out who she is. The injured pedestrian did not have any identification on her person. The photos attached are from a store video surveillance that was taken minutes prior to the accident.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 21, 2015 at 5:54 am, officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to Soquel Ave at Morrissey Boulevard for a report of a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

Officers found the pedestrian lying in the roadway. The involved vehicle was still on scene and was identified as a 2001 Acura. The pedestrian, an unidentified female, was transported by air ambulance to a Bay Area trauma center with major injuries. Detectives are working to identify her.

The driver of the Acura is a 24 years, female from San Jose. The preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was crossing Soquel Ave at Morrissey, while the vehicle was traveling eastbound in the #2 lane of Soquel Ave.

The driver remained at the scene and has been cooperative with investigators. The driver was not arrested or cited, as the investigation is still ongoing.

Soquel Avenue at Morrissey Blvd. was closed as a result of the collision investigation. The roadway was opened at approximately 1:00 pm. Traffic was rerouted through the area.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this collision 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; <a href="www.santacruzpolice.com">www.santacruzpolice.com</a>. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.



Photo 2



