



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME: September 24, 2015**

**LOCATION: 800 block of Ocean St.**

**TOPIC: UPDATE - Shooting Investigation**

**CASE NUMBER: 15S-08300**

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **UPDATE**

Cristian Cruz has been identified and arrested as the suspected shooter. He is 19 years old and a Santa Cruz resident. Cristian Cruz was arrested for the following charges: attempted murder, carrying a loaded firearm in public and participating in a criminal street gang.

Photo attached.

#### Background:

Incident date 9/22/15

The Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred in the 800 block of Ocean St. at approximately 4:22 pm. Early indication is that it was a gang motivated shooting.

The victim is a 20 year Santa Cruz resident. He was struck in the leg. He is being transported to a bay area trauma center. There are no other victims.

Santa Cruz Officers flooded the area and detained a suspect fleeing the scene through San Lorenzo Park. The suspect was identified by a witness. At this time, there are no other suspects being sought.

Officers and Detectives are combing the area for evidence and processing the crime scene.

The Santa Cruz Police Department will update information as it becomes available.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit (831) 420-5820. Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or click here. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our Smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

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Photo of Cristian Cruz

