

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

MEDIA RELEASE



<u>DATE/TIME</u>: November 9, 2015 <u>LOCATION</u>: Soquel Ave & Cayuga St.

TOPIC: Vehicle & Pedestrian Collision CASE NUMBER: 15S-09763

INFORMATION:

On November 9, 2015 at around 4:44 p.m. officers the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to Soquel Avenue and Cayuga Street for a critical injury traffic collision involving a pedestrian and car.

Officers found the pedestrian lying in the roadway on Soquel Avenue. The involved vehicle a 2014 gray Honda CRV remained on scene. The pedestrian, a 25 year old man from out of state was transported by helicopter to Natividad trauma center in Salinas. The pedestrian suffered major injuries.

The driver of the Honda CRV is a 57 year old woman from Watsonville. The preliminary investigation indicates that pedestrian was in the crosswalk at Cayuga Street. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Soquel Avenue when the driver struck the pedestrian.

The driver remained at the scene and has been cooperative with investigators. The driver was not arrested or cited. The cause of the collision has not been determined. Investigators are still examining evidence and gathering information.

Soquel Avenue at Cayuga Street was closed as a result of the collision investigation. The roadway is expected to reopen around midnight. Traffic has been rerouted through the area.

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