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

MEDIA RELEASE

Incident

DATE/TIME: Sunday 11/22/15

LOCATION: 100 Block of Chestnut Street

TOPIC: Shooting Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 15S-10077

INFORMATION:

On November, 22 2015 at about 6:00 p.m., Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to Dominican Hospital on a report of a victim arriving with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim, age 18 from Watsonville, claimed to have been shot while in his car in the 100 block of Chestnut Street. The victim's girlfriend had driven the victim to the hospital in the same car.

Santa Cruz Police Officers arrived at the location of the initial crime scene in the 100 block of Chestnut Street. Evidence was discovered to substantiate the shooting had occurred in the parking lot. Police had not received any calls reporting gunshots in the area.

The victim described someone in a hooded sweatshirt had walked up and fired multiple shots in the passenger side of the car. The suspect then ran away. Witnesses were unable to provide further descriptions of the suspect or a vehicle leaving the scene. Detectives have obtained video footage and are working to identify the suspect and his associates.

The victim was transported to Natividad Trauma Unit in Salinas and later released. He sustained wounds to upper body and hand during the shooting.

Preliminary information suggests the shooting is gang related.

If anyone has any information regarding this case please call the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke   Phone: (831) 420-5844

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