



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Incident**

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday 12/5/2015

**LOCATION:** Wanzer Street & Getchell Street

**TOPIC:** Shooting & Collision Investigation

**CASE NUMBER:** 15S-10395

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**INFORMATION:**

On Saturday December 5, 2015, about 2:30 pm Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to a report of possible gunshots heard in the area of Wanzer Street and Getchell Street. Almost simultaneously, officers were advised of reports indicating multiple vehicles in a hit and run collision at the same location.

Santa Cruz Police arrived at the scene and while investigating the collision, officers were alerted to a person who arrived at Dominican Hospital with a gunshot wound. The gunshot victim's injuries were not life threatening. The gunshot victim was completely uncooperative and refused to give officers details about the shooting.

Back at Wanzer and Getchell streets, the scene was secured and searched. Officers located shell casings on the roadway and several blood droplets.

Several witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots. Detectives are exploring the role of two vehicles as well as a group of pedestrians that were seen on Wanzer at the time of the shooting. Officers also determined that a hit & run collision occurred at this location. The victim of the hit & run was contacted at the scene. The hit & run victim was not involved in the shooting. It was determined that associated cars fleeing the shooting scene collided with the hit & run victim.

Witnesses at the scene were able to give brief descriptions of the cars involved in the hit and run. One suspect vehicle is described as a black 4-door sedan with driver side rear damage. The other suspect vehicle is described as a light silver or white SUV with rear end damage.

Detectives are continuing to follow up on leads and looking for additional video evidence.

Preliminary information suggests the shooting is gang related. Gang investigators are following up this information and any possible ties to this incident.

The Santa Cruz Police is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this collision to contact investigator. Contact 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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