



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Incident**

**DATE/TIME:** January 5, 2016 @ 6:49 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 100 Block of Chestnut Street

**TOPIC:** 2 Suspicious Deaths Investigation

**CASE NUMBER:** 16S-00114

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**INFORMATION:**

### **Santa Cruz Police Investigate Two Suspicious Deaths**

On Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 6:49 p.m., Santa Cruz Police responded to second story apartment in the 100 block of Chestnut Street on a report of suspicious circumstances. The initial call for the welfare check indicated that a man and a woman had been locked inside a room in the apartment for an extended period of time. Neither person answered phone calls from a concerned relative.

Officers discovered the two deceased from apparent gunshot wounds. The deceased male is 35 years old from Santa Cruz and the deceased female is 23 years old visiting from out of the area.

Identification of the deceased is pending notification of family. We will update information on Wednesday afternoon as the investigation is unfolding. No further details are being released at this time.

**For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke**

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