



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

MEDIA RELEASE



Incident

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

LOCATION: 100 Block of Chestnut Street

TOPIC: Update #1 Homicide - Suicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 16S-00114

INFORMATION:

UPDATE #1

Santa Cruz Police Detectives are continuing follow up investigation in the suspicious deaths discovered at an apartment on January 5th in the 100 block of Chestnut Street. Detectives believe this case is the result of a homicide followed by a suicide. Evidence recovered at the scene indicates the adult male shot and killed the female before turning the gun on himself. Forensic tests and an autopsy are pending to confirm this information. One handgun was located and recovered at the scene.

Detectives have identified the deceased. The victim is the sister-in-law of the suspect. The names of the suspect and victim are being withheld pending notification of family.

There is no information to indicate that this was a random event or that there is any ongoing danger to the public. There are no outstanding suspects related to this incident.

Additional information will continue to be released as it becomes available.

Initial Release

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.

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