



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



Incident

DATE/TIME: February 10, 2016

LOCATION: Berry St. & Avalon St.

TOPIC: Shooting Investigation & Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 16S-01204

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred 2/10/16 on Berry St. near Avalon St. at approximately 10:30 pm. This incident is being investigated as a gang motivated shooting. The victim is a 20 year old Santa Cruz resident. He was struck in the arm and transported to a Bay Area trauma center for treatment. The victim's wound was not life threatening.

SCPD Officers established a crime scene on the corner of Berry Street and Avalon Street and recovered several bullets. Witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots fired in the area. One stray bullet entered a nearby residence and lodged into a wall. The family was home at the time of the shooting. Fortunately, no one in the home was harmed.

Detectives worked throughout the night and identified two suspects in the shooting. The suspects were located at approximately 3:00 am near an apartment complex in the 200 block of Button Street. Both suspects were in custody within a few hours thanks to the combined efforts of SCPD Detectives, SCPD Neighborhood Enforcement Team and the Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team.

Misael Acosta-Vences was identified and arrested as the suspected shooter. He is 20 years old and a Santa Cruz resident. Misael Acosta-Vences was arrested for the following charges: attempted murder, shooting into an occupied dwelling and multiple gang enhancement charges.
Photo attached.

Jocelyn Acosta has been arrested as an accessory to the crime. She is 22 years old and a Santa Cruz resident. Jocelyn Acosta was arrested for the following charges: attempted murder, shooting into an occupied dwelling and participating in a criminal street gang.
Photo attached.

At this time, there are no other suspects being sought.

The police department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this shooting to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit (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.

Photo of Misael Acosta-Vences



Photo of Jocelyn Acosta

