



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: Monday, June 06, 2016

LOCATION: Bay Drive and High Street

TOPIC: Hit & Run Suspect Arrested

CASE NUMBER: 16S-04694

INFORMATION:

On Sunday, June 5, 2016 at approximately 4:35pm, Santa Cruz Police officers responded to a report of a hit and run collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian at Bay Drive and High Street. SCPD Officers and rescue personnel arrived and found a 21 year old UCSC student had been struck by a passing vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene and did not stop to render assistance to the victim. The victim was treated at a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Witnesses provided crucial information describing a white sedan that struck the pedestrian and the direction in which the car sped away. SCPD Officers quickly located a white Chevrolet Malibu with front end damage heading eastbound in the area of Mission St. and Chestnut St.

The driver of Chevy Malibu is 33 year old, Juan Castillo from Watsonville. The preliminary investigation indicates that pedestrian was in the crosswalk at the intersection of Bay Drive and High Street. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on High Street when the driver struck the pedestrian.

Juan Castillo was arrested for hit and run and driving without a license.

Booking and auto photos attached.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this collision to contact investigators at 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 Juan Castillo



Photos of front windshield

