



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: Wednesday July 13, 2016 **LOCATION:** Mission Street & Bay Street

TOPIC: Carjacking **CASE NUMBER:** 16S-05824

INFORMATION:

POLICE SEEK TO IDENTIFY CARJACKING SUSPECT

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking the community's help in identifying and locating the suspect involved in a carjacking that took place near the intersection of Mission Street and Bay Street.

On Monday July 11, 2016 at around 9:36 PM, Santa Cruz Police responded to shots fired and a carjacking in the 1600 block of Mission Street. Officers arrived and made contact with two male victims, ages 27 and 20. The victims were in a car at the intersection when they were approached by the unknown suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect demanded the occupants get out of the car. The driver reacted by pulling away from the suspect turning eastbound on Bay Street. The suspect ran after the fleeing car and fired two shots towards the victims. Both victims then jumped out of the car and ran away. Fortunately, the victims were not hit by the gunfire.

Within an hour, the car was recovered unoccupied in an eastside neighborhood. On Tuesday, SCPD Detectives followed up on potential leads in the case.

The suspect is as described Hispanic male, 20-30 years old, 5-10, 240 pounds, with black cropped hair in the front with a ponytail, wearing a grey zip sweater, white shirt, tan shorts and long white socks.

This incident continues to be investigated by the Santa Cruz Police Department. Detectives are asking anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information to please contact SCPD Investigation 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.