



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: August 23, 2016

LOCATION: Levee Pathway on 400 block of Front St.

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 16S- 07083

INFORMATION:

On August 23, 2016, at approximately 8:20 am, Santa Cruz Police responded to a report of a victim of a shooting on the levee pathway, near the 400 block of Front Street. Officers arrived within minutes of being dispatched and found a male victim lying in the levee pathway. The victim was suffering from gunshot wound in his upper torso. The officers provided medical attention until they were relieved by medics. Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The investigation has revealed a verbal argument between two white males occurred just prior to the shooting. The shooter then fled northbound on the levee towards Cathcart Street. The suspect is described as a white male, late 20 to 30 years of age, approximately 6' 2".

The identity of the victim is being withheld until proper notification to family members can be completed. This is the second homicide of the year.

Detectives from the Santa Cruz Police Department's Investigations are following up on leads on possible suspect and motive.

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

An updated press release for this investigation is forthcoming as soon information becomes available.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information is asked to contact SCPD Investigation at 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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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.