

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

MEDIA RELEASE



<u>DATE/TIME</u>: October 30, 2016 <u>LOCATION</u>: HWY 1 between River & Mission Street

TOPIC: Update #1 Fatal Hit and Run Collision CASE NUMBER: 16S-09066

INFORMATION:

UPDATE:

The victim who suffered life threatening injuries in the Sunday October 30th hit and run collision succumbed from those critical injuries on Saturday November 5, 2016. The victim is identified as Alexandria Arceneaux, a 20 year old UCSC student. Alexandria's family is from Los Angeles and has been by her side at the hospital since the collision. Photos of Alexandria Arceneaux attached.

Detectives are actively investigating the hit and run incident that occurred on October 30, 2016 at 1:55am. After processing the evidence and consulting with local car parts experts, it was confirmed that the vehicle involved in the collision was a 2010-2012 Silver Honda CRV (Similar to the photo attached). The suspect's silver-colored Honda CRV would have passenger side front bumper damage.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking for the public's continued help in identifying the vehicle and driver. Someone in our community knows that Honda CRV and the driver who would have traveled on Highway 1 around 1:55am on the day before Halloween. Investigators have followed up on a number of tips, but none have been the car involved in this collision.

Detectives are encouraging auto repair shops in the surrounding area to assist with identifying a hitand-run damaged 2010-2012 Silver Honda CRV. If you operate an auto body shop and see damage that looks unusual or is suspect, call the police. The operator of the shop may not have heard of any hit and runs, but the driver could have committed a crime in an entirely different city.

BACKGROUND:

On Sunday morning, October 30th, at approximately 1:55am, officers responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian injury collision. The suspect vehicle struck a pedestrian just south of the railroad tracks on southbound Highway 1 between River St and Mission St. The vehicle described as a silver colored Honda CRV fled the scene without stopping. The victim, a 20 year old female UCSC student, was transported to a Bay Area Trauma Center in critical condition.

If you have noticed anything unusual about a 2010-2012 silver colored Honda CRV (Similar to the one below) in your neighborhoods, workplaces and parking lots, please report it. Anyone who has information about the suspect car and driver, or may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact SCPD 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 1 of Alexandria Arceneaux



Photo 2 of Alexandria Arceneaux



<u>Suspect vehicle similar to picture</u> 2010-2012 Silver Honda CRV with passenger side front bumper damage.

