



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: February 7, 2017

LOCATION: 1200 Block of Seabright Ave

TOPIC: Update Hit & Run Fatality Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 17S- 00931

INFORMATION:

Updated Information:

Santa Cruz Police Department and the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Coroner's Office have confirmed the deceased woman found yesterday in the roadway was a victim of a vehicle versus pedestrian collision.

The victim in the hit and run investigation has been identified as Bianca Zipper, a 26-year-old Austrian citizen. She and her husband were traveling through Santa Cruz on vacation.

Detectives are following up on video surveillance in the area looking for additional information or evidence.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is requesting assistance from any potential witnesses or member of the public who may have information regarding this case.

Background:

On Monday 2/6/2017 at approximately 2:38 am, the Santa Cruz Police Department and the Santa Cruz Fire Department responded to the report of a woman found lying in the roadway on Seabright Avenue south of Broadway. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information is asked to Detective Williams at dwilliams@cityofsantacruz.com or 831-420-5839 or leave a message with our anonymous tip-line 831-420-5995. 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.