



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** March 22, 2017

**LOCATION:** Soquel Ave and Darwin Street

**TOPIC:** Gang Related Stabbing Investigation

**CASE NUMBER:** 17S-02169

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### **INFORMATION:**

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 11:44 a.m., Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to the 1200 block of Soquel Avenue on a report of a stabbing.

The victim, a male, age 25 from Santa Cruz, was stabbed exiting a Metro bus in the area of Soquel Avenue and Darwin Street. The victim waved down a Good Samaritan who drove him to the hospital. He is in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the incident is gang related. The victim has been uncooperative with the investigation.

Based on witness statements, the victim was being chased when he boarded a Metro bus in the 1000 block of Soquel Avenue. The suspects then followed the bus traveling by car to Soquel Ave and Darwin St. As the victim was exited the bus, two suspects attacked him.

SCPD Officers canvassed the businesses and neighborhoods contacting potential witnesses. No suspect or vehicle descriptions are available at this time.

Santa Cruz Police Detectives are continuing to examine evidence, interview witnesses and collect video surveillance.

### **Photo attached.**

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820. Tipsters can also leave an anonymous tip via the methods below.

**For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke**

**Phone: (831) 420-5844**

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