



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: 04/30/2017 @ 4:21 AM

LOCATION: Santa Cruz Main Beach

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 17S-03311

UPDATE-ARREST MADE

Detectives concluded interviews of the witnesses and identified a suspect in this case. The suspect was contacted near the scene of the homicide shortly after officers arrived on scene in the early morning hours. All of the involved parties were transients who had been sleeping along the seawall on Main Beach adjacent to the 100 block of Beach St.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Kevin Callahan, a 58 year old transient, was arrested for 187 PC (Murder). Callahan was involved in a physical altercation with the victim earlier in the evening on Main Beach. He was found sleeping on the beach near where the fight took place. Callahan was interviewed by Detectives and then booked in to the Santa Cruz County Jail. See attached booking photograph of Callahan. Please note this booking photograph is an older photograph and is not the photo from today's arrest.

The cause of death has not been determined at this time. There were no initial obvious signs of trauma such as gunshot or stab wounds and an autopsy will have to be conducted to determine the exact cause of death. The Santa Cruz District Attorney's Office was notified and was involved with this investigation.

Several volleyball courts and a portion of the beach were closed until about 1:00 pm.

Anyone with any information regarding this case is still advised to contact Detective Martin at 831 420-5833

PREVIOUS INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE:

On 04/30/17 at about 4:20 AM, officers responded to the Main Beach in the area of the volleyball courts for a report of a deceased male. Paramedics were called to the scene as well, and the victim was pronounced deceased shortly after their arrival. Officers were contacted by witnesses who stated that the victim, a 52 year old transient male, had been in an altercation with another male earlier. This case was quickly determined to be a homicide investigation and detectives were called out to assist with the investigation.

Detectives are currently speaking to witnesses and another male subject who is a person of interest in the case. A portion of Main Beach at the volleyball courts is closed and will remain closed for the next few hours. The Santa Cruz County Coroner's Office has also responded and is assisting with the investigation.

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

Updates will be provided at a later time as the case develops. The name of the victim is not being released at this time and will be released after proper notifications have been made.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Detectives have canvassed the area and are trying to locate any potential witnesses. Detectives will continue to process the scene this morning and expect to have the beach open after noon. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Martin at 831 420-5833.

Further updates and any press inquiries will be handled by Deputy Chief Dan Flippo throughout the morning.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Dan Flippo

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Kevin Callahan

