DATE/TIME: May 1, 2017 @ 8:36 pm   **LOCATION:** 700 Block of West Cliff Drive

TOPIC: Hit and Run Collision/ Suspect Arrested   **CASE NUMBER:** 17S-03364

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating a hit and run traffic collision resulting in a victim with critical injuries.

On Monday, May 1, 2017, at approximately 8:36 pm, Santa Cruz Police officers responded to a report of a hit and run collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian in the 700 block of West Cliff Drive. Officers arrived and found a 62-year-old Felton resident struck by a passing vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene and did not stop to render assistance to the victim. Officers tended to the victim until the arrival of Emergency Medical crews.

The victim was airlifted to a Bay Area Trauma Center. She is in critical condition. The victim was struck attempting to cross West Cliff Drive while walking her dog.

Witnesses described the suspect vehicle that fled the scene as a red convertible Buick LeSabre. Minutes later, an SCPD officer located a 1994 red Buick with damage to the front windshield traveling in the roundabout on Beach Street. The officer conducted a car stop on the 400 block of Front Street.

The suspect driver, Lorenzo Artega, 63 years old from San Jose, was arrested.

The release of the victim's name is pending notification to the family.

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

Anyone who has information or who 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.