



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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

**LOCATION:** Santa Cruz Main Beach

**TOPIC:** Homicide Investigation

**CASE NUMBER:** 17S-03311

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**INFORMATION:**

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

Phone: (831) 420-5815

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