



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: August 2, 2017

LOCATION: City Of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Two Armed Robberies & Attempted Carjacking

CASE NUMBER: 17-06208

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department is actively investigating two armed robberies of pedestrians that occurred in the early morning hours on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Responding officers located and pursued the suspect vehicle involved in the armed robberies. The suspect vehicle crashed into a residence near John Street and West Cliff Drive. The occupants fled on foot. Santa Cruz Police immediately set up a perimeter to search the area with the assistance of CHP and UCSC Police. SCPD Officers located and took into custody two male juvenile suspects ages 16 and 17 from the East Bay.

The arrests were the result of an investigation of two armed robberies. The first robbery occurred around 2:22 a.m., a man and two women walking home were robbed at gunpoint on Laurel Street and Myrtle. The second armed robbery occurred approximately 20 minutes later at 2:45 a.m. on Palm and Mission Street. A male victim was robbed at gunpoint and struck by three assailants.

According to victim statements, the suspects approached and demanded the belongings of the victims, which included a wallet and personal items. The victims in both cases described the suspects as Hispanic males dressed in dark clothes. The suspects were seen driving away in a dark sedan.

At 6:45 a.m., Santa Cruz Police recovered a firearm in the area of Mission and Bay Street. At this time, detectives believe it to be involved in the robberies.

Shortly before 7:00 a.m., Santa Cruz Police responded to an attempted carjacking in the 200 block of Sacramento Street. The victim left his car idling while retrieving items from inside the home. The victim returned and found two suspects attempting to drive away in the car. The victim ran out and opened the car door and fought with the suspects. The two suspects described as Hispanic males fled on foot and remain outstanding.

A search of the suspect vehicle revealed numerous stolen items belonging to the victims from both cases. Detectives believe the two robberies and attempted carjacking are related.

Santa Cruz Police Officers and Detectives worked throughout the morning collecting evidence and following up leads to identify the suspect(s) in this case.

The Santa Cruz Police is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this incident to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820.

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