



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: October 3, 2017

LOCATION: San Lorenzo River Levee/ Broadway Bridge

TOPIC: Update Homicide Victim Identification

CASE NUMBER: 17S-08027

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police Identify Victim In October 2, 2017 Homicide

Santa Cruz Police Department detectives worked tirelessly through the night and into the morning hours following up on investigative leads to identify the victim and a possible motive. The victim has been identified as Samuel Isaias Marroquin, 36-year-old Santa Cruz County resident. Marroquin has a known drug history and several prior contacts with law enforcement.

Detectives are continuing to follow up on video surveillance in the area and searching for additional information and evidence.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is requesting any assistance from the community which may be useful to the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has any information is asked to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations section at 831-420-5820 or leave a message with our anonymous tip-line 831-420-5995. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On Monday evening Oct. 2, 2017, at approximately 2218 hours, Santa Cruz Police Officers were flagged down in the area of the San Lorenzo River Levee and the Broadway Bridge for a report of a man down in the area. Officers located an unconscious and unidentified Hispanic male subject with several apparent gunshot wounds to his head and body. Officers attempted to render aid and directed Santa Cruz Fire Dept. paramedics to the area for further medical treatment. The unidentified male subject was pronounced dead at the scene.

Santa Cruz Police Officers canvassed the area and located several bullet casings. Santa Cruz Police Detectives responded to the scene and continued the investigation. This case is ongoing, and a motive for the crime is still unclear.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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