



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** June 23, 2018 / 5:53 p.m.    **LOCATION:** 701 West Cliff Dr.

**TOPIC:** Armed Robbery/ Assault with a Deadly Weapon    **CASE NUMBER:** 18S-04735

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### **INFORMATION:**

On June 23, 2018 at 5:53 p.m. the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the parking lot at 701 West Cliff Drive for the report of a victim shot in the head. Upon our arrival, we located one victim with multiple lacerations to his head including a grazing gunshot wound. The victim is a 50 year old male and Santa Cruz County resident. The victim was treated at the scene by the Santa Cruz Fire Department and AMR, and transported to a local hospital. The victim's injuries do not appear to be life threatening.

Multiple witnesses provided a suspect vehicle description, a license plate, and direction of travel. Shortly after the incident was reported, the suspect vehicle was located traveling south on Highway 1 and Chestnut St. The vehicle was a silver BMW. A high-risk car stop was initiated in the Harvey West area and 5 suspects were detained. At this time the investigation is on-going and the 5 suspects are being questioned. All 5 suspects are between 18-23 years old and from the Santa Cruz County and Monterey County area. The suspect's names and photos are being withheld at this time due to the integrity of the investigation and follow up needed by Detectives.

It turns out the victim was approached by all 5 suspects demanding his property. A physical altercation ensued and the victim was struck multiple times by all 5 suspects. During the altercation one of the suspects fired at the victim. Some of the stolen property was located inside the suspect vehicle and returned to the property owner.

Multiple agencies were involved in the response to this incident including California Highway Patrol, Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office, Scotts Valley Police Department, Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force, Santa Cruz Fire Department and AMR.

Release of the suspect's names and photos may occur at a later time pending investigative follow up.

**For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Warren Barry**

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