



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: March 15, 2019

LOCATION: 300 block La Fonda Avenue

UPDATE: Major Injury Vehicle Collision

CASE: 19S - 01767

INFORMATION:

On Friday, March 15, 2019, at approximately 10:56 am, Santa Cruz Police responded to the 300 block of La Fonda Avenue for a major injury vehicle collision involving an unlicensed high school driver with three teen passengers in a two-seater car. One juvenile was life-flighted to a Bay Area trauma center and is reported to be in stable condition. The other teens were transported to the local hospital with various minor injuries.

The four subjects in the car collision are female students from Harbor High School. The driver is 17 years old, two of the passengers are 16 years old and the other passenger is 15 years old.

The on-scene investigation revealed four occupants were in a maroon Nissan 350Z Roadster driving northbound on La Fonda Avenue when the 17 year old juvenile driver lost control of the vehicle. The car veered to the left side of the street, struck a parked minivan, then sideswiped a parked truck and then traveled to the opposite side of the road and crashed into another parked van.

Santa Cruz Police Department Traffic Investigators are still examining evidence and gathering information from the juveniles. The cause of the crash is yet to be determined.

La Fonda at Soquel closed as a result of the collision investigation. The roadway reopened at approximately 3:00 pm today.

The Santa Cruz Police Department asks that anyone with information or who witnessed this collision to contact investigators at 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below

Photo attached

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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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.

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