



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: June 5, 2019 @ 7:15pm
TOPIC: Gross Vehicular Manslaughter

LOCATION: Maple St & Cedar St
CASE NUMBER: 19S-03896

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Alejandro Fernandez **Arrested:** YES
DOB: 27 years old **Charges:** 191.5 PC

VICTIM(S): Diana Crotty 55yrs

INFORMATION:

Update:

The female victim, Diana Crotty (55 years) succumbed to her injuries and died last night (June 10, 2019). Ms. Crotty was struck by a vehicle and was pinned underneath. The suspect in the case, Alejandro Fernandez is being charged with, Gross Vehicular Manslaughter & Felony Hit and Run. Mr. Fernandez is currently in-custody at the Santa Cruz County jail. The Santa Cruz Police Department is working with the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office as the investigation continues.

Original Press Release:

On June 5, 2019 at 1912 hours, Santa Cruz Police Officers and Santa Cruz Fire Fighters were dispatched to the area of Cedar Street and Maple Street to investigate a possible hit and run incident involving a vehicle versus a pedestrian. Officers responded to the scene and located a female adult victim in the roadway pinned underneath a vehicle. Santa Cruz Fire Fighters immediately rendered medical aid to the victim. Santa Cruz Police immediately began searching the area for the suspect that reportedly fled the scene after the accident. Witnesses provided a suspect description to police officers. The suspect was seen jumping fences and running Northbound towards Cathcart Street. The victim was later transported to a nearby trauma center due to injuries and is in critical condition. Several Santa Cruz Police Detectives responded to the scene and began to assist with the on-going investigation. Two Hispanic Male subjects were detained by Officers. One of the subjects detained was the registered owner of the suspect vehicle involved in the hit and run accident. This case is currently under investigation.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is still investigating and urges anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information, to call our Investigations Section @ 831.420.5820.

If you want to make an anonymous call regarding the incident, please call 831.420.5995
For additional information, contact: Lt. Warren Barry Phone: (831) 420-5859

