SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: 9:40am October 27, 2019

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz Pogonip Park

TOPIC: Fatality

CASE NUMBER: 19S-07735

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Female Adult   **DOB:** Mid 50's   **Arrested:** No   **Charges:** None

VICTIM(S): Adult Male

INFORMATION

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) responded to an emergency call of a tree falling on top of someone in Pogonip Park, off the Rincon Trail. After hiking into the area, officers were directed by a hiker, to an area approximately 200 yards off the main trail. Officers located a small campsite, where a male adult sustained injuries to his hip and chest area. Near the male victim they located an unconscious adult female. The female was partially under a fallen tree.

The responding officers rendered aid, and began lifesaving efforts on the female. They continued CPR, until the Santa Cruz Fire Department arrived. The female was unable to recover and declared deceased at the scene by the fire department. The male subject was transported to a trauma center in the San Jose area. A further search of the area by the Cal Fire and the Santa Cruz Fire Department located no other victims.

The Santa Cruz County Coroner's office is conducting an investigation into the identity of the accident victim.

Currently with the high wind advisory the Santa Cruz Police asks people who are enjoying the park, to stay on the main hiking trails, and obey the signs of areas that are declared closed to the public.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit (831) 420-5820.

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