



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** July 3, 2017

**LOCATION:** Laurel St & Chestnut St

**TOPIC:** Train Versus Vehicle Collision No Injuries

**CASE NUMBER:** 17S-05322

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### **INFORMATION:**

On Monday, July 3, 2017, at approximately 12:41 pm, two vehicles and a train collided in a non-injury accident at the intersection of Laurel Street and Chestnut Street. A white Mazda minivan turning eastbound on Laurel Street failed to yield for the oncoming train heading northbound on Chestnut St. The train engineer was unable to stop the train in time to avoid collision with the vehicle.

The resulting collision pushed the minivan backward, smashing into a Chevy SUV behind it. There were no injuries in either crash. Both automobiles sustained front end damage. Only minor damage was sustained to the train when it collided with the vehicle.

The driver of the minivan is a 63-year-old from Santa Cruz. The preliminary investigation indicates the train had the right of way. The vehicle was attempting to turn eastbound on Laurel Street when the train struck the vehicle.

Laurel St at Chestnut and Center Street closed temporarily as a result of the collision investigation. Traffic was rerouted through the area. The roadway reopened within two hours of the incident.

The Roaring Camp Train crew checked all of their equipment and continued to Roaring Camp in Felton. The minivan and SUV were towed from the scene.

Anyone who has information or who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact SCPD at 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

**For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke**

**Phone: (831) 420-5844**

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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](http://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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