



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



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: April 15, 2021

CASE NUMBER: 21S-00350

TOPIC: Homicide Arrest

LOCATION: 700 Block of Emeline

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

Suspect: Male Juvenile **DOB:** 16 years

Arrested: Yes

Charges: 187PC Homicide

VICTIM: Daniel Hartley **DOB** 6/28/1983

INFORMATION UPDATE

On April 15, 2021 a suspect was taken into custody for the murder of Daniel Hartley. The suspect is a juvenile and therefore his name and date of birth are being withheld. During the course of the investigation Detectives worked continuously to develop and follow leads. Recently, Detectives received a tip about the suspect. As a result, information was developed which confirmed the new lead, and a warrant for the suspect's arrest was obtained. The suspect was out of state at the time of his arrest, and he will be extradited back to Santa Cruz in the near future. The motive for the murder is still under investigation.

Our gratitude is extended to the Harris County (Texas) Sheriff's Office District 1 Crime Reduction Unit for their assistance in taking the suspect into custody.

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

BACKGROUND

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, at approximately 6:00 a.m., Santa Cruz Police Officers were dispatched to a call of a report of a male subject down in the 700 block of Emeline Avenue in the city of Santa Cruz, Ca. When Officers arrived on scene they located a male subject who had sustained serious injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The victim has since been identified as Daniel Worth Hartley (37). Mr. Hartley is originally from Pennsylvania and appears to have only been in the Santa Cruz area since 2019. Mr. Hartley's living conditions are unknown, but he was believed to have been unsheltered. The nature of Mr. Hartley's injuries consisted of blunt force trauma to his head area.

Santa Cruz Police Detectives have been working tirelessly on the case since Sunday, January 17, 2021. Detectives have been piecing together video surveillance footage collected from the immediate area. Detectives are exhaustively looking into Mr. Hartley's history during his time in Santa Cruz in an effort to develop additional leads and determine a motive.

The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to thank all those in the community who have provided information in relation to this investigation. This investigation is on-going and the Santa Cruz Police Department encourages anyone with information about this case to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Detective Connor Bridges at (831) 420-5830 or leave information on the anonymous Crime Tip Line at (831) 420-5995.

For additional information, contact: Sergeant Karina Ceceña

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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.