



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



DATE/TIME: August 30, 2021

LOCATION: 100 block Blaine St.

TOPIC: Arrest in Shooting Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 21S-05206

**Santa Cruz Police Arrest Three Gang-Affiliated Suspects
in Connection with a Shooting Investigation**

SANTA CRUZ, CA - On August 29th, 2021, at about 10:55 pm, Santa Cruz Police responded to a shooting in the 100 block of Blaine Street. Officers found the intended victim, who was NOT struck by the single gunshot fired into an apartment building. Fortunately, no one was injured by the bullet. Several witnesses provided accurate descriptions of the suspects. Officers searched the area, and in quick order, found the three suspects getting into a getaway car a block away from the shooting.

The suspects were detained without incident and arrested. All three suspects are affiliated with a local street gang. One of the suspects, Jose Lopez, was discovered in possession of a .22 caliber handgun found in his backpack. The patrol-led investigation revealed that the shooting was gang-motivated.

The suspects arrested are named below with charges.

Jose Lopez Age 28: Resident of Watsonville

Charges: 25400 (C)(3) PC; Carry concealed weapon while active in a criminal street gang;
664 - 187(A) PC; Attempt homicide,
Outside Warrant - Misdemeanor,
186.22(A) PC; Participate in Criminal Street Gang; Felony
182(A)(1) PC; Conspiracy: Commit Crime (Felony); Felony,

Gustavo Garcia Age 19: Resident of Watsonville

Charges: 664 - 187(A) PC; Attempt homicide,
21310 PC; Carry Con/Dirk or Dagger; Felony
186.22(A) PC; Participate in Criminal Street Gang; Felony
182(A)(1) PC; Conspiracy: Commit Crime (Felony); Felony
11351 HS; Possession Or Purchase For Sale Narcotic Controlled Substance; Felony

Bryan Guerrero Age 18: Resident of Watsonville

Charges: 32 PC; Accessory; Felony

186.22(A) PC; Participate in Criminal Street Gang; Felony

PHOTOS ATTACHED



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

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