



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



DATE: March 27, 2022

LOCATION: Cayuga St and Effey St

TOPIC: Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 22S-01752

INFORMATION:

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, at approximately 5:45 am, the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) received 911 calls regarding a solo vehicle collision at the intersection of Cayuga St. and Effey Street. Officers arrived; they found a solo vehicle had collided into a utility pole and located two male occupants trapped inside the vehicle. Santa Cruz Fire extricated the two men from the car. The driver was transported to Valley Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. The passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Cayuga St. when it collided into the utility pole. The driver is a 38-year-old from Santa Cruz County. The deceased passenger is a 48-year-old from Santa Cruz County.

SCPD Traffic Investigators closed down the stretch of Cayuga St. between Broadway and Hanover St. while they processed the scene. Traffic was impacted for approximately 6 hours.

This investigation is ongoing. If anyone witnessed this incident or has information about this case, is encouraged to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Traffic Investigations Lieutenant Wes Morey at (831) 420-5857 or wmorey@cityofsantacruz.com. Anonymous tips can be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or online at www.santacruzpolice.com.

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