



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



DATE/TIME: May 5, 2022

LOCATION: 900 block East Cliff Dr.

TOPIC: UPDATE in May 2, 2022 Death Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 22S-02526

INFORMATION:

UPDATE: No Foul Play Suspected in Death Investigation

SANTA CRUZ, CA - The investigation on May 2, 2022, conducted by the Santa Cruz Police Department, revealed circumstances surrounding the death were non-criminal. The detectives' investigation and the Coroner's examination determined the cause and manner of the man's death were self-inflicted.

No foul play is suspected at this time. Based on the investigation, it appeared that the decedent was alone preceding his death. There is no threat to the public.

The decedent's name is not being released, and the decedent's family is requesting privacy.

Santa Cruz Police shares the following resources to help community members struggling with mental health crises or suicidal thoughts. If you or someone you know is experiencing persistent feelings of hopelessness, help is a call available.

[Mental Health Crisis and Resources in Santa Cruz County](#)

[How to Receive Mental Health Services in Santa Cruz County](#)

[List of Behavioral Health Crisis Services in Santa Cruz County](#)

24-Hour Suicide Crisis Line Toll-free: 1-877-663-5433 (ONE LIFE) [Serving Santa Cruz County](#)

[National Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) 1-800-273-8255.

NAMI-National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (831) 427-8020

Santa Cruz Veterans Services (831) 454-7276 / Resource Center (831) 477-7145

National & Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline (800) 273-8255

[CalHOPE](#) Connect offers safe, secure, and culturally sensitive emotional support for all Californians

You are not alone, in an immediate mental health emergency, always call 9-1-1.

--- Original Media Release---

SANTA CRUZ, CA - Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating the death of a male found near the 900 block of East Cliff Drive at about 6:30 a.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Early this morning, a woman walking her dog reported finding a deceased male on a path below Ocean View Park near East Cliff Drive. Officers immediately responded and discovered a middle-aged man dead with trauma to his upper torso.

The investigation is ongoing regarding the details leading up to the male's cause of death. Detectives are following up on all possible avenues to determine if there is any evidence of foul play.

The identity of the male and his cause of death is pending verification by the Santa Cruz County Coroner.

Anyone with information in this case, is urged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Anonymous tips can be sent through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995 or www.santacruzpolice.com.

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