



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



DATE: October 4, 2022

LOCATION: Municipal Wharf

UPDATE: Arrests in Attempted Homicide Investigation **CASE NUMBER:** 22S-05542

INFORMATION:

**Santa Cruz Police Arrest Four Suspects Involved in September 26
Attempted Homicide Investigation**

On Monday, September 26, 2022, at approximately 12:27 a.m. Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf on reports of a shooting. As officers responded to the scene, relatives of the 17-year-old male victim of a gunshot wound were driving him to the emergency room. The victim's injuries were non-life threatening.

Officers recovered surveillance video capturing the incident. It showed the victims (a group of three males) in a dark Jaguar SUV parked on the wharf when two suspicious vehicles, a white SUV, and a dark sedan, pulled up. Two suspects exited from the white SUV and one suspect exited from the sedan and began walking toward the victims in the parked Jaguar SUV. The driver of the Jaguar SUV attempts to drive away but gets blocked by the white SUV. Multiple shots are fired at the victims' car, injuring the front passenger.

During the investigation, Santa Cruz Police Officers, Santa County Anti-Crime Team, and Detectives conducted three search warrant operations and identified and arrested four suspects. All suspects involved in the shooting incident are from Santa Cruz County and are affiliated with a local street gang.

Said Paredes-Cazares, 23 years old, white SUV driver, charged with attempted murder, probation violation, shooting at an inhabited vehicle, and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Joseph Ibarra, 20 years old, passenger of the white SUV, charged with attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited vehicle, and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Christian Meza- Reyes, 22 years old, passenger of the sedan, charged with attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon, participating in a criminal street crime, and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Angel Paulina Cabrera, 23 years old, driver of the sedan, charged with participating in a criminal street crime and conspiracy to commit a crime.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to call Detective Dan Forbus at (831) 420-5822 or email him at daforbus@cityofsantacruz.com. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Santa Cruz Police Department Tip Line at (831) 420-5995.

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