

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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE: October 25, 2022

TOPIC: Death Investigation

LOCATION: City of Salinas

CASE NUMBER: N/A

INFORMATION

On the evening of October 21, 2022, The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) was notified by The Salinas Police Department regarding a death investigation involving an off-duty Santa Cruz PD Officer. The fatal incident occurred within the City of Salinas and is being investigated by Salinas PD. The involved officer has been with the Santa Cruz PD since February 2022

This is an active death investigation that will ultimately be reviewed by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office. The involved off-duty officer has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the death investigation and administrative investigation.

"This tragic incident is devastating for everyone involved, and we acknowledge many people are grieving," noted Santa Cruz Police Chief Bernie Escalante. "Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for the family and friends of Mr. Ferro-Sanchez. We will support them in whatever way we can," added Chief Escalante.

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