



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



DATE/TIME: April 19, 2024

LOCATION: 1200 Block Branciforte Drive

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 24S-01828

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz, CA - April 19, 2024 - At approximately 11:56 AM today, Santa Cruz Patrol Officers responded to a stabbing incident on the 1200 block of Branciforte Drive in the George Washington Grove area. The victim was immediately transported to a trauma center, and despite emergency medical care, the adult male victim succumbed to his injuries.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the decedent and others were involved in a physical altercation. All parties were known to each other, and there is no ongoing threat to public safety.

The motive and circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation. The victim's identity will be released by the Santa Cruz County Coroner's Office once confirmed and next of kin notified.

This is the City's 2nd homicide of 2024.

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

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