



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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: October 23, 2011 – 10:11 PM (Incident)
October 29, 2011 – 6:45 AM (Arrest)

LOCATION: 100 Block of Bixby Street

TOPIC: Stabbing ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 11S-09061

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Raul Perez Rodriquez Arrested: Yes No
DOB: 35 years-old Charges: Attempted Murder with Gang Enhancement,
Parole Violation

VICTIM:

Male – Santa Cruz Resident – 26 years-old

INFORMATION:

UPDATE: On October 29, 2011 at approximately 6:45 am, the Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team (SCCACT) arrested Raul Perez Rodriquez in conjunction with the stabbing in the 100 block of Bixby Street on October 23, 2011. Mr. Rodriquez had been listed as the Santa Cruz Police Department's Most Wanted this week for domestic violence and parole violations. He was identified by investigators earlier this week as a possible suspect but was not confirmed as a suspect until all interviews and evidence had been finalized. Specifically, Mr. Rodriquez was linked to the stabbing based on fingerprint evidence Santa Cruz Police Department investigators obtained at the scene. The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office was able to quickly turn around the fingerprint information, which identified Mr. Rodriquez. Santa Cruz Police Department investigators, State Parole and SCCACT have been looking for Mr. Rodriquez since he was identified by fingerprint information. SCCACT was able to track Mr. Rodriquez to a motel in Gilroy this morning and arrested him without incident.

He was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for attempted homicide with gang enhancements. The victim, who is recovering from his stab wounds, has no criminal history or gang ties. Mr. Rodriquez is a known Watsonville Norteno gang member.

BACKGROUND: On October 23, 2011 at 10:11 pm, Santa Cruz Police Department officers responded to the 100 block of Bixby Street for a report of a stabbing. According to witnesses, the victim was backing his car out of a driveway when the suspect approached, made a gang statement and stabbed the victim through the open driver's side window. The suspect said nothing else and then left on foot on Bixby toward San Lorenzo. Officers, including the police K9, canvassed the area to no avail.

The victim sustained multiple stab wounds to his hand and chest and was transported to an out-of-county trauma center in serious condition. The victim was alert when transported. Based on the suspect's statement investigators believe the stabbing is gang-motivated. The victim stated he did not know the suspect. Witnesses met with investigators as the scene was processed until early this morning.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave an anonymous tip at www.santacruzpolice.com or via the department's mobile app.

