



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, May 10, 2012—9:36PM

**LOCATION:** 200 block Church Street

**TOPIC:** Assault with Injuries

**CASE NUMBER:** 12S-03884

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**INVOLVED SUBJECT:**

1. Suspect #1: White male adult in his twenties, blonde hair wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt
2. Suspect #2: White male adult in his twenties, blonde hair wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt

**VICTIM**

1. 42 year-old – (Transient/Santa Cruz)
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**INFORMATION:**

On May 10, 2012 at approximately 9:36 pm Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to a report of a fight in the 200 block of Church Street. A witness saw two male suspects hitting and kicking a male subject who looked transient. The witness heard the male suspects yell at the victim “This is for” but could not hear the rest. Investigators believe this may have been a retaliatory attack for the recent homicide and that the victim was targeted for being homeless. The victim had no connection to the homicide.

Officers found the victim walking on Pacific Avenue. The witness directed responding officers to the crime scene where evidence was collected. Police canvassed the area for the suspects. The suspects were not located. Both suspects were described as White male adults in their 20’s, blonde hair wearing grey hooded sweatshirts. According to the witness, the suspects did not appear to be transient.

The victim sustained injuries during the attack to his face, back and legs. The victim was transported to a local hospital to be treated for his injuries. Citizens are urged to call 9-1-1 if they witness altercations or fights whether physical or verbal in nature.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at: (831) 420-5820

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