



## SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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# MEDIA RELEASE

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**DATE/TIME:** Friday, June 1, 2012—8:04PM

**LOCATION:** West Cliff Trestle

**TOPIC:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon

**CASE NUMBER:** 12S-04526

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### **INVOLVED SUBJECTS:**

1. Suspect #1: Hispanic male, 18-25 years old, 5'08", 150 lbs, black hair, brown eyes wearing black pants and a white t-shirt.
2. Suspect #2: Hispanic male, 18-25 years old, 5'06", 150 lbs, black hair, brown eyes wearing black pants and a white shirt (possibly with a backpack).
3. Suspect #3: White male, 18-25 years old, 5'08", 130 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes wearing dark pants and a white or gray shirt.
4. Suspect #4: Hispanic male, 18-25 years old, 5'10", 150 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, stocky muscular build wearing dark pants, white shirt, backpack and a black baseball cap with red outlined lettering
5. Suspect #5: White male, 18-25 years old, 6'02", 170 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes wearing black pants, white shirt, white shoes

### **VICTIM**

1. 16 year-old – (Santa Cruz resident)
  2. 28 year-old – (Santa Cruz resident)
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### **INFORMATION:**

On June 1, 2012 at approximately 8:04 pm Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to a report of shots fired near the railroad tracks underneath the West Cliff Trestle. Dispatch updated that a subject with a gun was shooting at subjects who were running and was unknown if anyone was hit. Santa Cruz Police Department officers arrived in the area and found a victim of gunshot wounds from a handgun near the tracks underneath the West Cliff Trestle. A second victim was located nearby, but was not shot. Through an initial investigation, it was determined that there were possibly five suspects involved and gang related.

Officers quickly established a perimeter. A Watsonville K-9 unit assisted with a track in the area. The descriptions of the suspects are listed above. A male subject was contacted near the intersection of Bay Street at Centennial Street. Detectives are currently interviewing the male subject to determine his involvement.

The 16 year old victim sustained non-life threatening injuries due to gunshot wounds to his lower body. The victim was flown to an out of county trauma center. The 28 year old victim sustained minor cuts and abrasions. The second victim refused medical attention. 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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