



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: February 9, 2013 12:30 AM

LOCATION: 200 Block Locust Street

TOPIC: Homicide

CASE NUMBER: 13S-01203

INFORMATION:

On February 9, 2013 at approximately 12:30 AM, Santa Cruz Police officers responded to a shooting in the 200 block of Locust Street.

Officers arrived to find a 32 year old male (Santa Cruz resident) deceased from multiple gunshot wounds. The identity of the victim is being withheld pending family notification.

There were several witnesses in the area as the incident occurred just outside the Locust Street entrance to the Red Room Bar. Witnesses described a possible suspect vehicle as a green or grey 90's model Mercedes.

With the vehicle description, Santa Cruz Police initiated "Project R.O.P.E." (Project R.O.P.E. is a multi-agency cooperative where likely travel and escape routes are monitored by law enforcement in Santa Cruz County).

A vehicle matching the description of the suspect car was stopped by Watsonville Police near Green Valley Road. Two occupants of the car were detained and are being brought back to the Santa Cruz Police Department for questioning. Detectives with the Gang Task Force towed the vehicle back to Santa Cruz to process any items of evidence.

Detectives are interviewing witnesses and processing evidence at the crime scene. The scene is still being secured. Several owners of parked cars inside the crime scene have been inconvenienced as their cars will have to remain until detectives finish their work. We appreciate the cooperation of those inconvenienced by this event.

The motive or relationship between the suspect(s) and the victim in this case has not yet been established.

Updates will follow as more information is available. I will plan to update after 10 AM Saturday morning February 9th. (hint - hint please don't distract our dispatch center or sergeant's for "updates", they will simply direct you to me)

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations unit at (831) 420-5815. Anonymous tips can be left on our tip line and mobile apps listed below.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

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