



## SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

# MEDIA RELEASE

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

**LOCATION:** 200 Block Locust Street

**TOPIC:** Homicide – Update 1

**CASE NUMBER:** 13S-01203

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### **UPDATE INFORMATION:**

Detectives continued to work throughout the night following up on several leads. Based on the time and location of the incident, we believe there are more witnesses who have not come forward or been identified. We encourage anyone with information to contact our Investigations Unit.

The two suspects stopped from the Project R.O.P.E activation were questioned at the Santa Cruz Police Department. Both are known Norteno gang members and were arrested for separate charges not associated with the homicide. Detectives are still working to determine their placement at the scene and any involvement. Meanwhile, they are in custody on charges related to probation violation and being a felon in possession of ammunition, and resisting arrest.

Early this morning, Detectives arrested a third person of interest in the course of their investigation. This person came to light as detectives follow up on leads they developed overnight. He was arrested in the city of Santa Cruz on outstanding warrants. The identity of these individuals is being withheld until detectives have an opportunity to solidify any role they may have had in this homicide.

The victim has been identified as 32 year old Santa Cruz resident Pauly Silva. Detectives are working to establish his timeline of activities leading up to the shooting.

### **BACKGROUND**

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 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.

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

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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