



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** August 10, 2013

**LOCATION:** Murray St

**TOPIC:** Gang Shooting - Attempt Homicide

**CASE NUMBER:** 13S-06564

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**INFORMATION:**

In the early morning hours (1:30 AM) of August 10, 2013, Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to reports of a shooting on Murray Street between Seabright Avenue and Lake Avenue.

When officers arrived they found the victim in the area of Murray Street and Cypress St. The victim traveled to that location after the shooting to get help. The victim is 15 year old juvenile. Early indications are that he was the victim of a drive-by shooting on Murray Street. The victim was struck several times by gunfire. He was flown to a trauma center and is undergoing surgery. Exact details of his condition are not known.

Simultaneously, as Santa Cruz Police Officers were responding to this call, Officers from the California Highway Patrol attempted to stop a car speeding through the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Eaton. The Highway Patrol Officers engaged in a pursuit of the vehicle and eventually used a spike strip intervention to disable the car on Clubhouse Drive in Aptos. The occupants fled after their car became disabled. Quick work by the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Office and Capitola Police captured 2 of the 4 occupants as they fled through private yards. The remaining two suspects were captured hours later, one by a Santa Cruz Police Department K-9.

Our investigation determined the individuals captured in the Highway Patrol pursuit are the suspects from the drive-by shooting on Murray Street. Santa Cruz Police Department Detectives collaborated with the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department to recover evidence and take custody of the suspects.

Thanks to the good work of the Highway Patrol and multi-agency coordination, there are 4 suspects (3 adults, 1 juvenile) in custody for this shooting. The suspects are confirmed Norteno gang members from Watsonville. One of the suspects is on the Probation Department's "Post Release Community Supervision" (PRCS) program. Their ages are 15yrs, 20yrs, 25yrs, and 27yrs.

Investigators are still collecting and sorting through evidence. The exact motive is not known. Early indications are a gang motivated shooting. Identities of the adult suspects and photos will be released later in a separate media release.

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