



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: April 16, 2014 – 8:40 PM

LOCATION: Center Street near Church St

TOPIC: Robbery

CASE NUMBER: 14S-02985

INFORMATION:

On Wednesday April 16th, a strong arm robbery attack occurred on Center Street near Church Street. The attack involved two males in their mid to late teens knocking down an 86 year old woman and attempting to take her purse. The males were not successful in getting the purse and eventually ran away.

The victim and her husband were walking home south on Center street after having dinner at a local restaurant. The two suspects approached from the opposite direction. The suspects ran at the victim knocking her to the ground. While the victim was knocked to the ground, the suspects attempted to take her purse. The victim had her purse strapped over her head and the suspects were unable to take the purse off the victim.

Unsuccessful at taking the purse, the suspects fled northbound on Center Street.

Detectives scoured the area for video evidence from businesses and homes in the area. Video of the suspects after the attack was located at the City Hall complex. Their description is as follows

White or Hispanic Males. Mid to late teens, dark hair.

Both suspects were wearing shorts. One suspect had a white T-shirt with a small logo on the left chest and a larger logo on the back, depicted here.



These photos are also attached to the email. The second suspect is thought have been wearing a blue and white checkered shirt which he appears to have removed after the attack.

The victim sustained serious injuries during the attack, including a fractured pelvis. She has been undergoing medical treatment and care at Dominican Hospital. Detectives are working with her for the possibility of developing a sketch of the suspect(s). We will release a sketch if and when it becomes available.

We realize the video is grainy. We are working to enhance the images. **Full video can be found at the police department's YouTube channel under Santa Cruz Police Media, or our blog at**

<http://santacruzpolice.blogspot.com/>

Anyone with information, or who might have seen these suspects in and around the downtown or Center Street area are encouraged to call the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Individuals can also submit anonymous tips via our Tipline (831) 420-5995, our smartphone app, or our Website www.santacruzpolice.com.

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