



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: April 30, 2014 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Canfield Ave and San Lorenzo Blvd

TOPIC: Drive-by Shooting

CASE NUMBER: 14S-03412

INFORMATION:

On April 30 at approximately 7:00 PM, officers were flagged down by witnesses to a shooting that occurred near San Lorenzo Blvd and Canfield Avenue.

Witnesses reported the occupants of a white compact confronted three males in the parking lot of the Budget Inn Motel 110 Canfield Avenue. The occupants of the car shot at the males that were walking in the motel parking lot. The suspect vehicle was last seen traveling north on Ocean Street. Officers simultaneously responded to the motel while others began to set a perimeter and look for the suspect vehicle.

At the scene of the shooting, officers recovered expended shells and located 5 bullet strikes on the motel building. The bullet strikes hit the hotel office and living quarters; all of which were occupied at the time. One of the bullet strikes narrowly missed an occupant who was in the living quarters watching television at the time. No one was injured from the bullets.

While officers were descending on the shooting scene, the suspect vehicle was spotted traveling northbound on Ocean Street in the 1500 block, by Officer Jason Kelley. Officer Kelley attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to yield, and turned onto Grant Street. The driver circled through the neighborhood and out onto Highway 17 where the pursuit continued.

SCPD Officers pursued the vehicle northbound on Highway 17 for approximately 13 miles. At one point, the suspect crashed through a set of diversionary cones setup by a road construction crew just north of Granite Creek. There were no construction workers at the site at the time. Because of the extreme reckless driving and high rate of speed by the suspect, SCPD officers terminated the pursuit. The suspect vehicle is still at large. It is described as a white compact. The vehicle should have front end damage.

Officers later responded to the 400 block of Grant Street where a handgun and partially loaded magazine were located in a front yard. It is believed the suspect discarded this handgun during the initial stages of the pursuit. Officers recovered a 9mm handgun with the serial number partially removed.

Officers recovered evidence from the crash scene that will help in identifying the suspect vehicle. Detectives worked throughout the night collecting evidence and following up leads to identify the suspect in this case. Investigators are exploring the possibility of a gang related motive for the shooting. Additional investigation information will be made available once approved for public release.

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