



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** June 16, 2014

**LOCATION:** 238 Center Street

**TOPIC:** Shooting Death Investigation

**CASE NUMBER:** 14S-04898

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### **Updated Information:**

SCPD Detectives worked through the night alongside members from the District Attorney's Office. Our continued investigation has led to the arrest of a suspect in connection with the shooting of a 15 year old Watsonville resident. The shooting occurred in an apartment at 238 Center Street, in the city of Santa Cruz.

The suspect is a 16 year old Santa Cruz resident. Our investigation has revealed the suspect is a Norteno gang member; however his gang affiliation was not the motive for the shooting. The suspect was booked into Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall for Involuntary Manslaughter.

Detectives completed their processing of the crime scene early this morning. Detectives are still interviewing witnesses and gathering information in the case.

Details will be updated as they come available.

We now know that the initial responding officers attempted life saving measures for the victim including compression to the wound and CPR. They simultaneously managed the crime scene preservation, evidence collection and broadcast crucial information to other responding units. In spite of their amazing efforts, the victim died at the scene.

### **Background**

On June 16, 2014 at approx. 6:45 PM, Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to reports of a victim suffering from a gunshot wound in an apartment at 238 Center Street. Arriving officers found a 15 year old male deceased in a bedroom inside the apartment. The victim suffered from an apparent single gunshot wound. The deceased is a resident of Watsonville and was visiting at the apartment. There were several people inside the apartment at the time of this incident.

Officers recovered a firearm believed to be the weapon used in this shooting. The recovered handgun was reported as stolen to the Santa Cruz Police Department in May 2014. It is not yet known how the handgun came to be at this apartment.

**For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark**

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