



County of Santa Cruz

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Suspicious Death Investigation Case Number: 18-8818

On Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 2:56 pm the Sheriff's Office received a report of a body found in the 4000 block of North Rodeo Gulch. Patrol deputies and medical first responders found the body of a deceased male about 75 feet off the roadside.

The decedent has been identified as Bernardo Rodas, age 41, of Santa Cruz. Mr. Rodas was reported to be a missing person on October 10, 2018.

The case is being investigated as a homicide by Sheriff's detectives and crime scene investigators. An autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death will take place later this week.

Sheriff's detectives are asking for help from the public to determine where and when Mr. Rodas was last seen alive. Anyone with information is urged to contact Sergeant Dee Baldwin at 831.454.7635 or email at Dee.Baldwin@santacruzcounty.us.

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