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Watsonville Shooting Update

DATE / TIME: 4/20/18 1138 AM **CASE #:** 18-03396

LOCATION: Riverside Drive at Industrial Road, Watsonville

TYPE OF CRIME: 187 PC Murder **Felony**

SUSPECT ARRESTED:

Miguel A. Castaneda 39-year-old, City of Santa Cruz resident

VICTIM:

Victor Vasquez Lopez, 36-year-old, City of Santa Cruz resident

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

On 4/20/18 at 11:38 AM, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and Watsonville Police Department responded to a report of a shooting on Highway 129 and Industrial Road in the unincorporated area of Watsonville. Watsonville Police Officers arrived and detained Miguel Castaneda. The victim of the shooting was taken to Watsonville Community Hospital and later flown to an out of county trauma center. The victim, Victor Vasquez Lopez died as a result of his injuries on 4/21/18 at 4:21 PM.

A firearm was recovered at the scene and no additional suspects are being sought at this time.

Sheriff's Detectives arrested Miguel Castaneda for Attempted Murder and Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Castaneda was booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail and his bail was increased to \$750,000 dollars. Castaneda's charges will be amended to Murder when he is arraigned on 4/24/18.

If anyone has information related to this incident, please call Sgt. Baldwin at (831) 454-7635.

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