

**Arrest of Planned Parenthood Arson Suspect**

1/5/2016 1:36:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest of Planned Parenthood Arson Suspect

**Report Number:** 15-2044743

**Location:** 122 W. Hillcrest Dr. Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** 9/30/15 11:22 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau; East County Patrol Services; East County Investigations; Ventura County Fire Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Alvaro Perez	Oxnard	24

**Narrative:**

Fires are universally feared for their destructive and unpredictable nature and can destroy entire neighborhoods if not controlled. On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, just before midnight, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to an alarm call at the Planned Parenthood office. Deputies discovered a fire had been set inside the building. Members of the Ventura County Fire Department responded and quickly extinguished the fire. Much of the first floor of the business sustained significant water damage from the building's overhead fire sprinkler system; which played a significant part in putting out the fire.

Investigators from Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Major Crimes Bureau, along with Arson Investigators from the Ventura County Fire Department began an investigation. Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau obtained information which led them to Oxnard resident Alvaro Perez as a suspect in the arson. Through various investigative methods and techniques, detectives developed overwhelming evidence that Perez had carried out the arson at Planned Parenthood. On Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, Major Crimes Detectives arrested Perez for the Planned Parenthood arson.

Perez is currently an inmate at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility / Main jail on other cases wherein he is suspected of committing the following criminal acts: battery, vandalism, violation of a domestic restraining order, domestic-spousal battery and possession of a firearm. His bail for the arson arrest is \$50,000; however, Perez has several open cases, one of which he is currently awaiting sentencing on and there is no bail associated with it.

Under California Penal Code Section 451 P.C., maliciously setting a fire is a serious felony that can result in a lengthy prison sentence. Arson is the crime of intentionally, deliberately and maliciously setting fire to buildings, wild land areas, dumpsters, vehicles or other property with the intent to cause damage.

In California, a conviction for arson of property that is not your own is a felony punishable by up to three years in state prison. Aggravated arson, which carries the most severe punishment for arson, is punishable by 10 years to

life in state prison.

Throughout the investigation, detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau maintained constant communication and sustained collaborative efforts with the FBI, U.S. Marshalls Office, as well as Homeland Security.

Investigators are confident that the criminal acts perpetrated against Planned Parenthood by Perez stemmed from an on-going domestic feud and at no point fell into the category of extremism.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dean Worthy / Major Crimes Bureau

**News Release Date:** Jan. 5, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Dean Worthy, 805-384-4730,  
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**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith / Major Crimes Bureau

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**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint**

1/7/2016 4:03:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** January 9, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

**Narrative:**

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 people were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years, deputies from the Camarillo Police Department have investigated 158 DUI collisions which have claimed 1 life and resulted in another 72 injuries.

Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

The Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Unit with the assistance of the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

Deputies will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with deputies checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than

did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Camarillo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).**

**###**

**Law Enforcement needs your help locating a missing person, who may be at risk**

1/7/2016 3:58:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Law Enforcement needs your help locating a missing person, who may be at risk.

**Report Number:** RB# 160002100

**Location:** Santa Rosa Valley area, Ventura County, CA 93012

**Date & Time:** January 5, 2016 around 9:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the City of Moorpark Police Department Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Dona Perry	Santa Rosa Valley Area, Ventura County, CA	68

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office/Moorpark Police Department needs the public's help finding Dona Perry, who has been missing since the night of January 5, 2016.

On January 5, 2016, family members contacted the Moorpark Police Department and reported Dona as a missing person. According to family members, Dona was recently diagnosed with a serious medical condition. Dona was last seen by family members on January 5, 2016, at about 9:00 AM when she left her residence in the Santa Rosa Valley for scheduled doctors' appointments in Thousand Oaks, CA. Dona did not go to her doctors' appointments and was not prepared to be gone for an extended period of time.

Dona's family and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office are concerned for Dona's safety and are asking for the public's help in locating her. Anyone with information on Dona's whereabouts is asked to contact Sergeant John Wright at (805) 797-7128 or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at (805) 654-9511.

Dona Perry is a White female, 68 years old, 5'06' tall, 130 pounds, with gray hair and green eyes. Dona wears prescription eye glasses. It is currently unknown how Dona may be dressed at this time.

On January 7, 2015 Dona's vehicle was located near Gridley Trail in the Ojai area. Sheriff's Search and Rescue units are actively searching for Dona.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John Wright

**News Release Date:** January 7, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John Wright (805) 797-7128 or the Ventura County Captain John Reilly (805) 947-6782

**Approved by:** Stephen Wade, Captain

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**###**

**Ongoing Search Efforts for Missing Person Dona Perry**

1/10/2016 9:22:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Ongoing Search Efforts for Missing Person Dona Perry

**Report Number:** RB# 160002100

**Location:** Santa Rosa Valley area, Ventura County, CA 93012

**Date & Time:** January 5, 2016 around 9:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, City of Moorpark Police Department Investigations Bureau, Ojai Police Department, Sheriff's Major Crime Bureau, Sheriff's Aviation Unit, Sheriff's Search & Rescue

<b><u>Missing Person:</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Dona Perry	Moorpark	68

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office continues to search for Mrs. Dona Perry, who has been missing since the night of January 5, 2016.

On January 5, 2016, family members contacted the Moorpark Police Department and reported Dona as a missing person. According to family members, Dona was recently diagnosed with a serious medical condition (Alzheimer's Disease). Dona was last seen by family members on January 5, 2016, at about 9:00 AM when she left her residence in the Santa Rosa Valley for scheduled appointments in Thousand Oaks, which she subsequently cancelled. On January 7, 2016, family vehicle was located near the Gridley Trail in the Ojai area. Sheriff's Search and Rescue units have been actively searching for Dona in the area since mid-day on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

As of this Sunday afternoon, volunteer Search and Rescue personnel have devoted over 1,070 hours to searching the area for any sign of Dona. Units assigned to this search included: Search and Rescue teams from Ojai, Fillmore, and Thousand Oaks as well as the Search and Rescue K-9 team with five dogs, the volunteer Sheriff's Mounted Posse, and several helicopters from the Sheriff's Aviation Unit, including one equipped with infrared search equipment. Unfortunately, Dona has still not been located.

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to finding Dona and will continue to work with the Perry family. Although the area in which she disappeared has been extensively searched, the Sheriff's Office will continue with reduced search efforts in a limited but ongoing scale in the area of the Gridley trailhead. Anyone who may have or come across any information relating to Dona's whereabouts is asked to contact Sgt. John Wright at (805) 797-7128 or the Ventura County Sheriff's Dispatch Center at (805) 654-9511.

Dona Perry is a white female, 68 years old, 5'06' in height, 130 pounds, with gray hair and green eyes. Dona wears prescription eye glasses. It is not known how Dona was dressed at the time of her disappearance.

**Prepared by:** Captain Chris Lathrop

**News Release Date:** January 10, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John Wright (805) 797-7128  
Captain John Reilly (805) 947-6782

**Approved by:** Captain Todd Inglis

**Heroin Dealer Convicted**

1/11/2016 1:47:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Dealer Convicted.

**Report Number:** 15-8432

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** 1-5-2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Oxnard Police Department, Ventura County District Attorney's Office

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Martin Torres	Oxnard	35
Santos Ruiz	Oxnard	34
Joey Martinez	Oxnard	25

**Narrative:**

During the last several years, investigators from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Oxnard Police Department have conducted numerous investigations involving criminal activity by the Mexican Mafia. Many of the investigations involved the Sinaloa Cartel importing heroin into our communities through the Mexican Mafia and into the hands of local gang members. In Ventura County alone, Heroin and other opioids accounts for dozens of unintentional overdose deaths each year.

In April of 2015, investigators developed intelligence that Mexican Mafia associate Martin Torres was selling heroin, firearms and ammunition to local gang members in the City of Oxnard. During the investigation, investigators found that Santos Ruiz and Joey Martinez were importing large amounts of narcotics from an unknown source in Mexico. Ruiz and Martinez were in turn selling the narcotics to Martin Torres. Investigators also developed substantial evidence that Torres was obtaining ammunition from an employee at a local gun store. Torres was then selling the ammunition as well as firearms and narcotics to local gang members.

During the one month investigation, investigators served several search warrants and seized over a pound of heroin, 12 pounds of methamphetamine, \$33,000 in cash, and 10 firearms, which included three Tec 9 assault weapons.

On June 5, 2015, investigators arrested and booked Torres for a variety of charges including possession for sale of methamphetamine and possession of an assault rifle. His bail was set at 1 million dollars and he has remained in custody.

On January 5, 2016, a jury convicted Torres of possession for sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm, 2 counts of possession of an assault rifle and possession of a large capacity firearm. He is scheduled to be sentenced on February 3, 2016.

Santos Ruiz and Joey Martinez remain out on bail awaiting trial.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Bill Schierman  
**News Release Date:** 1-11-2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt Bill Schierman. 805-383-8729  
DDA Derek Malan 805-654-3825

**Approved by:** C. Rothschiller, Captain

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**Burglary / Arrest**

1/12/2016 9:45:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Burglary / Arrest**Report Number:** RB# 16-2055**Location:** 900 block of Woodland Ave, Oakview, CA**Date & Time:** January 5, 2016 @ 4 pm**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol, LAPD patrol and Ojai Station Detectives**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Zirpolo, Ronald Jr.

**City of Residence**

Ojai

**Age**

24

**Narrative:**

On January 5, 2016, at about 4am, a victim contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to report a burglary that occurred, wherein the possible suspect, Ronald Zirpolo Jr., was known to the victim. Zirpolo Jr. took a large quantity of jewelry, with an estimated value of \$9500, and a 22 caliber revolver-style handgun, valued at \$400.

Deputies responded and began an investigation. They were provided with Zirpolo Jr's description and learned he is on active parole for a prior felony conviction. They were able to locate the serial number for the gun that afternoon and placed it into the stolen property system.

On January 5, 2016, at about 0545 hours, LAPD officers located the suspect while he was in the process of trying to get someone to help him pawn the stolen property. The combined efforts of law enforcement allowed the victim to recover about \$8000 worth of her jewelry. The loaded handgun and over 200 rounds of ammunition were also recovered, preventing another gun on the streets in the hands of criminals. Zirpolo Jr. was arrested and Ojai detectives responded to Los Angeles and took custody of Zirpolo Jr. He was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for burglary, grand theft, felon in possession of a stolen firearm, a felon in possession of ammunition, and a parole violation. Bail was set at \$120,000.00

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney**Media Release Date:** 1/10/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

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**Sheriff's K-9 Unit Saves life of Suicidal Person**

1/12/2016 3:31:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff's K-9 Unit Saves life of Suicidal Person  
**Report Number:** 16-3688  
**Location:** City of Camarillo  
**Date & Time:** 01-08-16 / 1730  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police- Patrol Services / Ventura County Sheriff's K9 Unit

<b><u>Victim</u></b> (Male)	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b> Camarillo	<b><u>Age</u></b> 62
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**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's K-9 Unit is utilized for a variety of public safety details which include the searching for missing and 'at risk' children and adults, drug enforcement, the apprehension of violent suspects, building searches and officer safety. In this particular incident, a life was saved with responding patrol officers and the Sheriff's K9 Unit.

On January 8, 2016, at approximately 5:30 pm, Camarillo Patrol Deputies received a call of a suicidal male subject who had taken a large amount of prescription pain medication and drove away from his home.

Responding deputies searched and located the subject's vehicle unoccupied in the Mission Oaks area of Camarillo, approximately a half mile from the subject's residence. A Ventura County Sheriff's K9 Unit was called to assist with the search for the subject. After a two and a half hour search through a large and heavily wooded barranca, the K-9 Deputy and his K-9 partner tracked and located the subject in the barranca. The subject was lying under a tree and was unresponsive. Emergency Medical Personnel responded and treated him.

The Ventura County Fire Department and Paramedics provided lifesaving efforts. The subject was transported to Pleasant Valley Hospital. Due to the amount of medication taken and the cold weather, medical staff felt the subject faced a life threatening situation had he not been located. The subject is expected to make a full recovery.

**Prepared by:** Deputy C. Cadman #3829

**News Release Date:** 01-12-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy J. Carver # 4366  
[www.vcsdk9.org](http://www.vcsdk9.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**The Parent Project - Are Your Kids Reaching their Growth Potential?**

1/12/2016 3:44:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** The Parent Project ♦ - Are Your Kids Reaching their Growth Potential'

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Camarillo Police Department

**Date & Time:** Beginning March 14, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department/ Community Resource Unit- Youth Services

**Narrative:**

Do you want to make sure your children are reaching their scholastic and personal growth potential' In today's society, children face many obstacles, bad influences, and distractions, which create added difficulties for the parent(s) trying to raise them. Some children engage in harmful behaviors fueled by negative social influences including alcohol, drugs, gangs, and peer pressure.

In furtherance of our commitment to the community, the Camarillo Police Department is offering The Parent Project ♦ Monday evenings for ten weeks starting on March 14, 2016. Parents with difficult, defiant, or problematic children are encouraged to attend; however, all parents of middle and high school students will also benefit from this course. Our goal is to give parents guidance to help them develop more successful children. We are excited to offer these sessions and truly wish to support parents by offering strategies to deal with difficult children.

The course content consists of methods to address drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, runaways, and violence. Additional content includes guidance in gaining children's compliance of house rules, how to never argue with your child again, and how to use other parents for support. Additional information can be reviewed at [www.parentproject.com](http://www.parentproject.com). This course is free however; there is a \$20 fee for the course workbook. Interested parents can call Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger at (805) 388-5155 for further information. To register for the class, parents are asked to contact the Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. Class size is limited, so don't delay and register today.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger

**News Release Date:** January 12, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger  
(805) 388-5131 or [shawn.holzberger@ventura.org](mailto:shawn.holzberger@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**Prescription Drug Database Inquiry Leads to Doctor Shopping Arrest**

1/13/2016 4:44:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Prescription Drug Database Inquiry Leads to Doctor Shopping Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-1485

**Location:** 5900 block of Imperial Highway, South Gate, CA

**Date & Time:** January 13, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit  
Ventura Police Department

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(S) Francesca Thompson

**City of Residence**

South Gate

**Age**

43

**Narrative:**

**Background:** Doctor Shopping is the criminal act of visiting multiple physicians to obtain controlled substances while misrepresenting an illness or injury or by omitting material facts when asked by a physician about previous doctor visits and prescriptions. The State of California maintains a prescription drug monitoring database known as the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES). CURES is available to physicians, pharmacists, and law enforcement and tracks all controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients. Physicians are required to register for CURES access by July 1, 2016.

**Investigation:** At the end of 2015, an alert Oxnard pharmacist contacted the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit with a report of a patient whom he suspected was Doctor Shopping. The Oxnard pharmacist told investigators he denied a prescription for Francesca Thompson for hydromorphone (Dilaudid) after he checked her CURES history and noticed she had visited dozens of doctors in the recent past and obtained thousands of pills of hydromorphone. Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) is a Schedule II opioid used to treat moderate to severe pain.

Investigators began an investigation into Thompson and learned she visited and received prescriptions from 72 doctors in the previous 14 months. Thompson received nearly 6,000 hydromorphone pills from these physicians who were located in multiple counties in Southern California including Ventura County. Physicians in Ventura County were located in the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley. Through physician and pharmacist interviews, investigators learned Thompson was able to commit these crimes due to a gross underutilization and lack of familiarity with CURES by physicians

and pharmacists throughout Southern California. Investigators also learned Thompson was on probation for similar activity in Los Angeles County.

On January 13, 2016, investigators from the Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit and Ventura Police Department contacted Thompson at her home in the 5900 block of Imperial Highway, South Gate. She was arrested and her home was searched pursuant to her probation terms. Evidence related to the crime of doctor shopping was recovered at her residence as well as a handgun. Thompson was booked into the Ventura County Jail. Her court date is pending.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department Directed Enforcement Team assisted with the investigation.

**Additional Information:** The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is partnered with Ventura County Behavioral Health, Ventura County Public Health, Ventura County Office of Education, and the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office in a task force known as the Rx and Heroin Abuse workgroup. The workgroup is a collaborative prevention campaign, uniting law enforcement, educators, health care professionals, county agencies and community members. The workgroup was launched in 2012 to identify and understand common problems and applicable resources. The main objective of the workgroup is to reduce prescription drug misuse, heroin abuse, and overdose in Ventura County. One of the main goals of the workgroup is to achieve 100% physician utilization of CURES by the end of 2016.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Victor Fazio  
**News Release Date:** January 13, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Investigator Wallace Boggess

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805 947 7963

**Approved by:**

Captain Curt Rothschiller

###

**Two Suspects Arrested for Grand Theft of a Vehicle**

1/15/2016 9:37:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Two suspects arrested for grand theft of a vehicle

**Report Number:** Report Number 16-6903

**Location:** Eastbound Highway 126, east of Wells Road, Ventura County

**Date & Time:** 01/15/2016 at 4:55 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office - Fillmore / Santa Clara Valley Station  
Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Omar Martinez	Fillmore	20
(S) Daniel Mendoza	Fillmore	18

**Narrative:**

The Honda Accord is the most frequently stolen vehicle in the United States according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau in their 2015 annual 'Hot Wheels Report.' The Honda Civic is #2 on their list.

On January 15, 2016, at 4:55 AM, deputies patrolling on Highway 126, east of Wells Road, saw two vehicles on the right side of the shoulder. The deputies stopped to render assistance and investigate but shortly thereafter, they realized one of the vehicles was an unreported stolen Honda from the city of Oxnard.

As deputies attempted to contact the two subjects, Omar Martinez attempted to drive way from the scene in his vehicle, which had a flat tire. Deputies briefly chased Martinez but due to the condition of his vehicle, he was unable to maintain control and collided into the center guardrail a short distance away. He was detained by the deputies.

Multiple car keys for Honda vehicles were found attached to the ignition of the second vehicle, a Honda Accord being driven by Daniel Mendoza. The Honda Mendoza was driving was registered to an address in the city of Oxnard. Neither Mendoza nor Martinez was able to provide the name of the registered

owner.

Based on the suspicion that the Honda driven by Mendoza may be stolen, deputies contacted officers with the Oxnard Police Department, who in turn contacted the registered owner. The registered owner confirmed that the vehicle was stolen.

Martinez and Mendoza were arrested and booked for grand theft of a vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of burglary tools. Both were booked at the Main Jail in Ventura.

**Prepared by:** Detective Javier Chavez

**Media Release Date:** January 15, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Javier Chavez, Fillmore Sheriff's Station  
805-524-2233; Javier.chavez@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

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###

**At Risk Missing Juvenile**

1/17/2016 11:59:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** At Risk Missing Juvenile

**Report Number:** 16-8028

**Location:** Tree Ranch Rd, Upper Ojai area

**Date & Time:** 01/17/16 @ 0900 hrs

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Upper Ojai Search and Rescue

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Sammy Evans

**City of Residence**

Upper Ojai

**Age**

11

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office needs the public's help finding Sammy Evans, who has been missing since the night of January 16, 2016.

On January 16, 2016, Sammy's mother contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and reported Sammy missing. Sammy has a medical condition and requires daily medication. Sammy was last seen by family members on January 16, 2016, at about 9:00 PM.

Sammy is a Black male, 11 years old, 4'11" tall, 70 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

It is currently unknown how Sammy may be dressed.

Sammy's family and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office are concerned for Sammy's safety and are asking for the public's help in locating him. Anyone with information on Sammy's whereabouts is asked to contact Deputy Scott Baugher at (805) 797-6353 or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at (805) 654-9511.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Scott Baugher

**News Release Date:** January 17, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Scott Baugher

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**Approved by:** Captain Kenney

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**Missing Juvenile Found After 14 Hour Search**

1/17/2016 2:57:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Missing juvenile found after 14 hour search  
**Report Number:** 16-8028  
**Location:** Tree Ranch Rd, Upper Ojai area  
**Date & Time:** 01/17/16 @ 1205 hrs  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Upper Ojai Search and Rescue

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Sammy Evans	Upper Ojai	11

**Narrative:**

On January 16, 2016, Sammy's mother reported him missing from their residence in the Upper Ojai area. Approximately 16 members from the Upper Ojai Search and Rescue team responded and began searching the area for Sammy. The Ventura County Sheriff's Aviation unit along with the Upper Ojai Search and Rescue team is happy to announce they located Sammy at approximately 1205 hours near Thomas Aquinas College. A tip from a citizen led rescuers to Sammy's location. While searching the area where he was last seen, search and rescue members along with help from the aviation unit located Sammy. Sammy was missing for approximately 14 hours. Although Sammy was thirsty and hungry, he was not injured and did not require any medical attention. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Upper Ojai Search and Rescue would like to thank the public for their assistance.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Scott Baugher  
**News Release Date:** January 17, 2016  
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**Approved by:** Stephen Wade Captain

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***###***

**Burglary / Possession of Stolen Property**

1/18/2016 7:59:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vehicle Theft  
Burglary/Possession of Stolen Property

**Report Number:** RB #16-0008091  
RB #16-0008096

**Location:** 400 Block of Bryant Circle, Ojai  
700 Block of Saddle Lane, Ojai

**Date & Time:** 01/17/2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol/Ojai Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S-1) Juvenile	Ojai	15
(S-2) Juvenile	Ojai	16

**Narrative:**

On 01/17/2016 at approximately 0216 hours, Ojai patrol deputies were dispatched to a 'Suspicious Circumstances' call at a residence located in the 700 block of Saddle Lane. Upon arrival, they determined an unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle parked at the victim's residence. The ignition key to the vehicle was left inside. The suspect(s) stole the vehicle and drove it a short distance when it was driven into some bushes and became inoperable. The suspect(s) then fled on foot.

At approximately 0249 hours, Ojai patrol deputies were dispatched to an 'Audible Business Alarm' located at a short distance from the above call in the 400 block of Bryant Circle. Upon arrival, deputies discovered three separate businesses had their doors kicked in. One of the businesses was burglarized. It was discovered that this business is a handgun manufacturer and they carry an extensive line of gun parts and gun magazine/bullet loaders.

Responding deputies detained two juveniles who were on foot in the area. It was subsequently

determined that they were in possession of numerous gun magazines/bullet loaders that were stolen from one of the businesses that had been burglarized. Evidence collected at both crime scenes tied both of the juveniles to the two crimes. The juveniles being detained confessed to stealing the vehicle and burglarizing the business. Both juveniles were arrested and booked at Ventura County Juvenile Hall.

If you have any information on this crime or have similar events, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 947-8083.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell  
**News Release Date:** 01/17/2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414  
**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

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**Oak Park High School Burglary Suspect Arrested**

1/20/2016 4:55:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Oak Park High School Burglary Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** 15-2071141

**Location:** Victorville, CA  
Apple Valley, CA

**Date & Time:** December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 / 11:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** East County Investigations Unit / Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Steven Rabb	Victorville	20
Laurence Fon	Apple Valley	42

**Narrative:**

Investigators with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, East County Investigations Bureau have arrested two suspects in connection with the November 18, 2015 burglary at Oak Park High School.

During the early morning hours of November 18th, 2015, suspects broke a window to the computer lab at Oak Park High School and burglarized the building. The crime was captured on Oak Park High School's video surveillance system. School officials confirmed 17 Apple iMac computers with 21.5 inch monitors were stolen from the computer lab. High school staff told investigators that the computers stored students' assignments, graphic designs, and portfolio information. The academic information stored on these computers was not retrievable and represented the loss of an enormous amount of work by the students.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office East County Investigations Unit started an investigation into this burglary. Using evidence obtained from the scene of the crime and while working with Oak Park High School officials, detectives were able to positively identify a suspect in the burglary. This suspect was identified as Steven Rabb, a resident of Victorville.

On December 29, 2015, Sheriff's investigators located Rabb and served a search warrant at his address, located in Victorville. During the search, investigators found evidence that implicated Rabb in the Oak Park High School burglary. Rabb was arrested for burglary and transported back to Ventura County where he was booked into the Ventura County Jail and has a pending court date.

On January 4, 2016, detectives served additional search warrants at a computer repair shop and residence in Apple Valley. During the searches, detectives located some of the stolen iMac computers that were taken during the Oak Park High School burglary, as well as other stolen property from crimes in different counties. The computer repair shop business owner, identified as Laurence Fon, was subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property. Fon was booked into the local San Bernardino County jail with a pending court date. Investigators are hopeful that the recovery of the stolen computers will allow the retrieval of the vital academic information stored by the Oak Park High school students.

Criminal activity commonly crosses jurisdictional boundaries. The suspects in this specific case traveled more than 100 miles to commit their crime. Law enforcement, however, has the ability to work cooperatively, sharing information and resources to solve such cases. During the course of this investigation, East County Sheriff's detectives worked in a cooperative effort with other law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. The cooperative effort of all the involved agencies was a key factor to identifying the suspects in this case.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Pete Frank

**News Release Date:** 01/19/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Marta Bugarin  
805-371-8342

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Prostitution Arrest / Residential Brothel**

1/21/2016 7:31:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Prostitution Arrest/Residential Brothel

**Report Number:** 160007426 (Ventura County Sheriff's Office)

**Location:** 100 Block San Fernando Avenue, Unincorporated area of Oxnard known as Silver Strand

**Date & Time:** January 15, 2016 9:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotics Task Force, West County Street Team, Oxnard Police Department, Santa Paula Police Department

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Jennifer Whitman

**City of Residence**

Oxnard (Silver Strand)

**Age**

52

**Narrative:**

Information on suspected prostitution activity led to the arrest of Jennifer Whitman for engaging and agreeing to engage in prostitution, keeping a house of ill-fame, keeping a disorderly house, and possession of a controlled substance.

On January 15, 2016, Whitman solicited a detective working in an undercover capacity for a sex act in exchange for money. Whitman also openly advertised herself on the internet for acts of prostitution. At about 9:00 PM, detectives executed a search warrant on Whitman inside of a residence in the 100 block of San Fernando Avenue in the unincorporated area of Oxnard known as Silver Strand. During the service of the search warrant, paraphernalia related to prostitution, indicia of prostitution and controlled substances were located. Evidence located during this investigation supported that Whitman was utilizing a bedroom in this residence for prostitution on a regular basis.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department detectives working cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics and vice offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Detective James Langford

**Media Release Date:** January 20, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford

805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Rothschiller

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###

**Theft from Vehicles / Vehicle Burglaries**

1/21/2016 4:51:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Theft from Vehicles/Vehicle Burglaries

**Report Number:** 16-7616

**Location:** Camarillo, Thousand Oaks and Oxnard

**Date & Time:** 01/16/2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Gang Unit/Camarillo Special Enforcement Unit/ Camarillo Detectives

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent**

(S) Alexx Chandler

**City of Residence**

Oxnard

**Age**

24

**Narrative:**

On 01/16/16, Detectives with the Sheriff's Gang Unit and the Camarillo Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant in the 2800 block of Cortez Street in the El Rio area of Oxnard. During the search of the property, several thousand dollars of stolen property was recovered. The stolen property was linked to multiple victims throughout Ventura County including Camarillo, Thousand Oaks and Oxnard dating as far back as July 2014. The primary items targeted for theft were tools taken from unlocked vehicles during the over-night hours.

Chandler was not home at the time detectives served the search warrant. Detectives began actively searching for Chandler. Within two hours he was located near Camarillo with additional stolen items in the vehicle he was driving. It was discovered the additional items were stolen just hours prior from victims in Camarillo. Chandler was also in possession of and under the influence of heroin. He was subsequently arrested for a variety of charges including PC 496-Possession of stolen property, HS 11350(a)- Possession of Heroin and HS 11550(a)-Under the influence of a controlled substance. Chandler was booked at the Ventura County Jail and remains in custody on \$200,000 bail.

The investigation is still on-going and detectives are still attempting to identify the owners of some of the property. If you were a victim of theft from a vehicle or if you have any information that may help identify anyone else involved in the thefts, you are encouraged to contact the Camarillo Police Department at 805-388-5100.

**Prepared by:**

Detective J. Christmann

**News Release Date:** 01/19/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective L. Orie 805-388-5113

**Approved by:** Captain P. Salas

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###

**Injury Hit and Run Traffic Collision**

1/22/2016 12:23:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Injury Hit and Run Traffic Collision  
**Report Number:** 16-9287  
**Location:** Paseo Camarillo at Lantana Street, Camarillo, Ca. 93012  
**Date & Time:** January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:05 p.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(V) Female Pedestrian	Camarillo	42

**Narrative:**

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at approximately 2105 hours, deputies from the Camarillo Police Department responded to an injury traffic collision involving a pedestrian and a silver Acura sedan. The collision occurred at the intersection of Paseo Camarillo and Lantana Street in the city of Camarillo.

During the investigation, deputies learned the pedestrian was walking westbound on Paseo Camarillo crossing Lantana Street on the south side of the intersection. The silver Acura, also travelling westbound on Paseo Camarillo, made a left turn onto southbound Lantana Street. The right front of the silver Acura collided with the pedestrian. During the collision the pedestrian was thrown to the ground and was subsequently transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the silver Acura did not stop at the scene, as required by law, and fled southbound on Lantana Street towards Daily Drive prior to law enforcement and EMS arriving on scene.

Anyone that may have witnessed the collision or might have information regarding the driver of the silver Acura is urged to call the Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Bureau, Deputy Rosalio Cobian at 805-388-5128.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Rosalio Cobian  
**News Release Date:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Rosalio Cobian  
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**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**Traffic Collision Fatality**

1/24/2016 9:27:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Traffic Collision Fatality

**Report Number:** 16-11566

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** January 23, 2016, 6:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Female Adult	Camarillo	84
(P) Male Adult	Camarillo	86

**Narrative:**

On January 23, 2016, at approximately 6:00 pm, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to Old Conejo Road at Wendy Drive in Newbury Park to an injury traffic collision.

The collision occurred when a vehicle attempted to turn left onto southbound Wendy Drive, after exiting the southbound 101 freeway. The driver of the vehicle failed to negotiate the turn and the vehicle left the roadway. After leaving the roadway, the vehicle struck a signal light pole and came to a stop.

Both occupants of the vehicle were transported to Los Robles Hospital. The driver sustained moderate injuries, while the passenger sustained fatal injuries. Both the driver's and passenger's identity are pending notification of the next of kin.

The collision is still under investigation by the Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or is aware of anyone that might have been involved in the collision, is asked to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department at (805) 494-8271.

###

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** January 24, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

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###

**Inmate Death**

1/25/2016 6:32:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Death

**Report Number:** 16-11860

**Location:** Todd Road Jail Facility, Santa Paula / St. John's Hospital, Oxnard

**Date & Time:** January 24, 2016 1235 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Bureau and Detention Services Legal Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Jose Bautista	Santa Paula	44

**Narrative:**

Major Crime detectives and Jail personnel are investigating the death of an inmate housed at the Todd Road Jail Facility in Santa Paula.

On January 24, 2016, at approximately 11:25 a.m., Bautista suffered a medical emergency at the Todd Road Jail Facility. Deputies and jail medical staff responded immediately and rendered aid. Bautista was transported to St. John's Hospital by ambulance. He was pronounced dead on 1/24/16 at 12:35 p.m. by hospital staff.

The cause of death is under investigation by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, pending an autopsy by the Medical Examiner. There was no indication of violence or suspicious circumstances. As a matter of policy and procedure, all inmate deaths are investigated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dave Lareva

**News Release Date:** 1/25/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mark Gillette (805) 384-4727

**Approved by:**

Commander Ron Nelson

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###

**Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

1/25/2016 6:34:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** Areas of Oxnard/ Ventura/ Thousand Oaks/ Newbury Park/ Camarillo

**Date & Time:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Sheriff's Headquarter's Investigations Unit

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of Forty Three (43) registered sex offenders throughout the county. The compliance checks were part of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Thirty Seven (37) of the offenders were found to be in compliance with their registration requirement. Six (6) registrants were not contacted because they were not home or had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if the remaining registrants not contacted are out-of-compliance.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be conducting similar sweeps on an ongoing basis, to verify registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.

Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

**Prepared by:** Detective Claudia Holden  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau/ Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** January 25, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Ryan Clark / 805-384-4721  
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**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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###

**Grand Theft Arrest**

1/26/2016 5:47:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Grand Theft Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-0976

**Location:** Unincorporated area of Ojai

**Date & Time:** January 25, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Tammi Swim	Ventura	52
(A) John Schertzer	Ventura	52

**Narrative:**

In early January of 2016, a resident of the unincorporated area east of Ojai contacted the Ojai Police Department and reported that various jewelry items had been stolen from inside her home. The victim in this case suspected that (S) Tammi Swim had stolen the jewelry when she was hired to clean the victim's house. Unfortunately, there was no evidence to connect a suspect to the theft. The victim suspected the theft occurred sometime between September and December of 2015.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this case and worked with the victim. They lured the suspect back up to the Ojai area by offering her more work. Once in the area, detectives stopped Swim and detained her. They discovered that Swim was in possession of two pieces of jewelry that had been stolen from the victim during the listed time period in 2015. Swim was wearing a \$12,000.00 diamond pendant around her neck and she had a \$7,000.00 diamond ring in her purse. Swim was arrested for grand theft and both items were recovered and returned to the victim. (A) John Schertzer was with Swim when she was stopped. Schertzer was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. Swim and Schertzer were both booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

The Ojai Police Department is asking that anybody who has hired Swim to do house work contact Detective Will Hollowell if they have had items come up missing from their homes.

**Prepared by:** R. Harwood #2654 / Sergeant

**News Release Date:** 01/26/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell (805) 947-8083

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

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###

**Public Helps Officials Locate and Arrest Local Sex Offenders for Failing to Comply with Registration Requirements**

1/26/2016 7:33:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Public helps officials locate and arrest local sex offenders for failing to comply with registration requirements.

**Report Number:** 16-10168, 16-10974

**Location:** 700 block of Royal Avenue, Simi Valley and 15700 block of Arroyo Drive, Moorpark

**Date & Time:** January 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department  
Major Crimes ' Sex Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Brian Campbell	Moorpark	26
Pedrito Vicente	Simi Valley	48

**Narrative:**

On the weekend of January 23, 2016, members of the public assisted the Moorpark Police Department / Ventura County Sheriff's Office in the arrest of both Brian Campbell and Pedrito Vicente for failing to register as sex offenders. Campbell, a convicted sex offender for possession of child pornography, had been out of compliance since November of 2015. Vicente, a convicted sex offender for two counts of child molestation, had been out of compliance since March of 2015.

Both Campbell and Vicente had previously met their registration requirements when they provided accurate information upon their release from custody for the aforementioned convictions. However since their release, both had moved to different addresses and failed to disclose those addresses to local law enforcement. Both Vicente and Campbell were also arrested for additional outstanding warrants.

The public is encouraged to report any and all suspicious activity especially if they believe a sex offender may be out of compliance with their registration.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Juan Ponce

**News Release Date:** January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Juan Ponce (805) 530-1630  
610 Spring Road, Moorpark

**Approved by:** Stephen Wade, Captain

**Start Smart Teen Safety Program**

1/26/2016 1:35:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart Teen Safety Program

**Location:** Thousand Oaks Police Station ' Community Room

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

**Did you know that**

Did you know that car crashes are the No. 1 killer of teens in the U.S' Teens are more likely to speed, run red - lights, make illegal turns, ride with an intoxicated driver, and drive after using alcohol or drugs.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a driving safety program to help save your teen's life. It is called Start Smart, and is a cooperative effort between the Thousand Oaks Police Department, California Highway Patrol, teenage drivers, and you, their parents.

Why such a need' Because every day 8 teens across the country die in alcohol and drug related crashes. In addition, it's alarming to know that only 55% of high school students reported that they always wear a seatbelt. The Start Smart Program is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle.

Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to help make your child's driving experience safe, raise their awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

Interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271 for more information and to make a reservation. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Media Release Date:** 01/26/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno (805) 371 -8325

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

**Commercial Burglary**

1/27/2016 8:12:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Commercial Burglary**Report Number:** RB #16-0005784**Location:** Eggs and Potatoes  
1103 Maricopa Highway/Ojai**Date & Time:** 01/12/2016 0224 hours**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**

(S) Male

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

25-35 yrs

**Narrative:**

On 01/13/2016 at approximately 0224 hours, an unknown suspect burglarized a local Ojai restaurant called Eggs and Potatoes. Video surveillance shows the suspect entering the business where he removed and carried out a small safe. The safe is grey in color and it measures approximately 1 ♦ feet tall and 1 ♦ feet wide with a dial on its face.

No other property was taken. The safe contained cash and several blank business checks. Attached is one of the video surveillance clips showing the burglary suspect entering and exiting the business after he forced open the locked rear door.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in possibly identifying the suspect and/or providing information regarding this crime.

If you have any information on this crime, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 947-8083.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell**News Release Date:** 01/26/2015**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414

**Approved by:**

Captain David Kenney

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**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint**

1/28/2016 12:25:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** January 30<sup>th</sup> , 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

**Narrative:**

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years deputies from the Camarillo Police Department have investigated 158 DUI collisions which have claimed 1 life and resulted in another 72 injuries.

Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

The Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Unit with the assistance of the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

Deputies will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with deputies checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all

it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Camarillo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** Jan 28<sup>th</sup> , 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572 ' 805-388-5132,  
william.britt@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Inmate Death**

1/28/2016 3:45:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Death

**Report Number:** 16-13266

**Location:** Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Ventura

**Date & Time:** 01/27/2016 @ 4:23 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Bureau and Detention Services Legal Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

John Barber

**City of Residence**

Port Hueneme

**Age**

67

**Narrative:**

Major Crime's detectives and Jail personnel are investigating an inmate death that occurred at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura.

On January 27, 2016, at approximately 3:30 a.m., while conducting a cell check, deputies noticed the inmate not breathing and unresponsive. Emergency aid was rendered by deputies and Jail medical staff. Ventura City Fire personnel and AMR paramedics were summoned to provide more advanced life saving efforts. Ultimately, the inmate was pronounced dead at the jail shortly thereafter.

The cause of death is under investigation by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, pending an autopsy by the Medical Examiner. There was no indication of violence or suspicious circumstances. As a matter of policy and procedures, all inmate deaths are investigated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dave Lareva and Deputy Monica Heavey

**News Release Date:** January 28, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Bill Therrien (805) 384-4724

**Approved by:** Commander Rick Barrios

**Narcotics Arrest**

1/28/2016 6:56:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Arrest**Report Number:** 160011536 (Ventura County Sheriff's Office)**Location:** 1600 Block E. Gonzales Road, City of Oxnard  
1800 Block E. Daily Drive, City of Camarillo**Date & Time:** January 23, 2016 5:45 PM**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotics Task Force, West County Street Team, East County Street Team, Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Oxnard Police Department, Santa Paula Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Floyd Johnson	Camarillo	42
(D) Darren Solis	Oxnard	43

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, 1/21/16, officers from the Oxnard Police Department responded to a business in the 1600 block of West Gonzales Road in the City of Oxnard to check the well-being of a person in the bathroom. When officers arrived, they found the person unresponsive. Officers began life saving measures and were later relieved by emergency medical personnel. The victim was later pronounced dead at the scene. Officers learned the decedent's name was Darren Solis. Evidence recovered at the scene indicated Solis possibly died from a heroin overdose. An investigator from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force responded to the scene. Investigators identified a probable source of Solis' heroin as Camarillo resident Floyd Johnson.

On Saturday, 1/23/2016, Detectives observed Johnson engage in what appeared to be several hand to hand narcotics transactions. Detectives stopped Johnson in a shopping center in the 1800 Block of East Daily Drive in the City of Camarillo where he was found to be in possession of heroin for sale. Johnson was arrested for possession of heroin for sale and offering heroin for sale. A search of Johnson's vehicle and residence located in the 400 Block of Baja Circle, Camarillo was conducted and additional evidence was located.

Johnson was booked into the Ventura County Jail on the narcotics charges stemming from the arrest in Camarillo. His bail is currently \$150,000.00 and a preliminary hearing has been set for February 8, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. The Investigation into Solis's death continues. Separate charges such as manslaughter and drug dealing resulting in great bodily injury are pending further investigation and toxicology results from Solis' autopsy.

The Ventura County West County Street Team is made up of detectives from the Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department. These detectives work cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant J. Hendren

**Media Release Date:** January 27, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford  
805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Rothschiller

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###

**Arrest Warrants Served**

1/29/2016 7:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest Warrants Served  
**Report Number:** 16-14651, 16-14472  
**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** January 29, 2016, 9:20am and 2:15pm  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Lynette Marie Schwertfeger	Simi Valley	34
(S) Alan Emmanuel Perez	Thousand Oaks	25

**Narrative:**

**Two Suspects with Outstanding Warrants  
Caught in Thousand Oaks By Police Department Sweep**

**Thousand Oaks, CA** ' Some think if they just don't show up for a court hearing, the police won't have the manpower to come find them. If your violation is a DUI, don't count on it. Thousand Oaks Police Department Officers with dozens of outstanding arrest warrants fanned out into neighborhoods in search of high risk DUI and substance offenders today. Deputies served warrants and arrested two offenders who either failed to show up for a court date or violated terms of their probation in an outstanding DUI case.

"The best bet for anyone with a missed DUI court date is to go to court on their own now.' said Deputy Trujillo. 'If you don't, that warrant isn't going away. We're going to come find you and take you to jail.'

Those caught often face additional jail time for failing to appear in court or for violating probation. When family, friends, and co-workers find out, violators can also face personal embarrassment as they are led away in handcuffs as well as missing work while sitting in jail.

Special DUI Warrant Service Operations along with regularly scheduled 'High Visibility' DUI enforcement has a deterrent effect on those who disregard driving safety and abuse alcohol and drugs. The Thousand Oaks Police Department places a high priority on lowering deaths and injury with the goal of removing impaired drivers and heightening awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Funding for the operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers; Call 9-1-1!

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** January 29, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
[brad.clifton@ventura.org](mailto:brad.clifton@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Mark Franke

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###

**Identity Theft**

1/29/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft

**Report Number:** RB #16-0005998

**Location:** 1000 block of Rancho Drive, Ojai, CA 93023

**Date & Time:** 01/07/2016 1:51 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**

(S) Male

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

50-65 yrs

**Narrative:**

During the dates of January 5-13, 2016, a resident of the unincorporated area of Ventura County/Ojai reported being a victim of mail theft. Included in the stolen mail was a Costco American Express credit card.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. It was determined that this stolen credit card was used at various locations throughout the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo. Video of the suspect using the stolen credit card was obtained from Target stores located in Camarillo and Oxnard (River Park location).

Attached is one of the video surveillance clips showing the suspect exiting the Camarillo Target store after purchasing merchandise with the stolen credit card. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in possibly identifying the suspect and/or providing information regarding this crime.

If you have any information on this crime, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 947-8083.

**Prepared by:**

Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 01/26/2015

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

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**Mail Theft / Identity Theft /Arrest**

1/29/2016 12:21:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Mail Theft / Identity Theft / Arrest

**Report Number:** RB#16-997

**Location:** Unincorporated Area of Ventura County, Oakview, CA

**Date & Time:** 01/03/16 @ 10 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol, Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Villarreal, Michelle	Ventura	38
(S) Moore, Robyn	Ventura	41

**Narrative:**

On January 13, 2016, at about 10am, deputies from the Ojai station conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Stanley Avenue and Olive Street. The occupants, Michelle Villarreal and Robyn Moore, were evaluated and arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Moore was determined to be on probation and a search of the vehicle resulted in a large quantity of stolen mail being recovered. It was determined the mail had been stolen on 1/2/2016 from the Oakview area. There were more than 20 victims of mail theft from that day.

Ojai Detectives responded to assist in the investigation and through the course of the investigation Villarreal and Moore were linked to additional mail thefts in the Ojai Valley, Ventura and Thousand Oaks that spanned from September 2015 to December 2015. In total, they are linked to more than 50 victims of mail theft.

Detectives were able to connect and arrest Villarreal and Moore to four outstanding Ojai identity theft cases dating back to September 2015. Detectives are urging Ojai residents who have had their checks forged or credit card information compromised between the listed dates to contact Detective Mulrooney. Villarreal and Moore were booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for identity theft of 10 or more victims, mail theft, and under the influence of a controlled substance. Villarreal's bail was set at \$110,000. Moore's bail was set at \$70,000.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 1/29/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Joe Mulrooney 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

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###

**Narcotic Search Warrant - 9 Arrested**

1/29/2016 9:48:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotic Search Warrant ' 9 arrested.**Report Number:** 160013901 (Ventura County Sheriff's Office)  
16009243/16009244 (Oxnard Police Department)**Location:** 2000 Block Curran Street, City of Oxnard**Date & Time:** January 28, 2016 5:00 AM**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotics Task Force, West County Street Team, Ventura County Combined Agency Task Force, Oxnard Police Department, Santa Paula Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Jeremy Dimos	Oxnard	40
Tomamalo Saipale	Oxnard	35
Ryan Tepezano	Oxnard	36
Travis Norton	Oxnard	31
Delia Coronado	Oxnard	36
John Flores	Oxnard	47
Veronica Pulido	Oxnard	33
Desiree Ayala	Camarillo	32
Luis Chavez	Santa Paula	34

**Narrative:**

The Oxnard Police Department and the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force received information of suspected narcotic sales occurring at two residences in the 2000 block of Curran Street in the City of Oxnard. Detectives conducted an investigation, obtained search warrants for the locations and arrested nine people for narcotics related offenses.

On January 28, 2015 at about 5:00 AM, detectives from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force and members of the Oxnard Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) served search warrants at two residences next door to one another in the 2000 block of Curran Street in the City of Oxnard.

At the first location, evidence of narcotics sales and use was located. The residence was being used as a place to use and sell narcotics. Jeremy Dimos was arrested for maintaining a place for narcotics use and/or sales and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

At the second location, evidence of narcotics sales, narcotics use, two firearms, and eight people suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance were located. This residence was also being used as a place to use and sell narcotics. Dozens of used hypodermic needles and other instruments of narcotic use and packaging were located throughout the residence. The following people were arrested from the second location:

-Tomamalo Saipale: Arrested for maintaining a place for drug use and/or sales, bringing a controlled substance into a custodial facility, under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and a parole violation.

-Ryan Tepezano: Arrested for maintaining a place for drug use and/or sales, under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and felon in possession of a firearm.

-Travis Norton: Arrested for under the influence of a controlled substance and a parole violation.

-Delia Coronado: Arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

-John Flores: Arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

-Veronica Pulido: Arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Desiree Ayala: Arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

While detectives were at one of the residences, Luis Chavez arrived with money to purchase a controlled substance. Chavez was arrested for visiting a place where controlled substances are being used, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and a parole violation.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department detectives working cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant J. Hendren

**Media Release Date:** January 29, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford  
805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Rothschiller

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###

**Burglary of Fillmore's Girls Softball/T-Ball League Equipment**

1/30/2016 9:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Burglary of Fillmore's Girls Softball/T-Ball League Equipment

**Report Number:** Report Number 16-7664

**Location:** Shiells Park, 649 C Street, Fillmore

**Date & Time:** Between January 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm and January 16,2016 at 9:50 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office - Fillmore / Santa Clara Valley Station

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

**City of Residence**

**Age**

(V) Fillmore Girls Softball/T-Ball League

**Narrative:**

The Fillmore Girls Softball/T-Ball League offers players, ages four and one-half to sixteen, living within the Fillmore, Piru, and Santa Paula communities to participate in a softball program. The goal of the program is to instill and develop good sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and leadership; all excellent qualities our youth need to build along with self-confidence and a strong sense of community.

Sometime between January 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm and January 16, at 9:50 am, unknown person(s) broke a latch to a storage container at Shiells Park and stole several articles of sporting equipment used by the league. Some of the property stolen included three sets of brand new 'Easton' catcher's gear, two five gallon buckets of softballs, and three 100-foot long extension cords.

The Fillmore Police Department is asking for help to track down the softball gear and to apprehend the person(s) responsible for this crime against the community. If you have any information, please contact Detective Javier Chavez at the Fillmore Police Station or any deputy you may encounter. You may remain anonymous and your information will remain confidential.

**Prepared by:** Detective Javier Chavez

**Media Release Date:** January 22, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Javier Chavez, Fillmore Sheriff's Station  
805-524-2233; Javier.chavez@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

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###

**Organized Purse Thieves**

1/30/2016 9:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Organized Purse Thieves  
**Report Number:** 15-14958  
**Location:** 1305 W. Ventura St., Fillmore  
**Date & Time:** July 3, 2015, at 9:15 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Investigations

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Suspect 1</b> - Hispanic Male, balding black hair, 5'5" - 5'8", 180 -200 lbs	Unknown	Late 40's
<b>Suspect 2</b> - Hispanic Female, shoulder length brown hair, 5'2" - 5'5", 130 ' 150 lbs	Unknown	40's

**Vehicle:**

Silver / gray early 2000's Acura MDX (SUV)

**Narrative:**

On July 3, 2015, a female victim and her family were having dinner at El Pescador Restaurant in the city of Fillmore. The victim hung her purse on the back rest of her chair and enjoyed her meal. After eating, the victim realized her purse was stolen.

Surveillance footage captured the below pictured subjects entering the restaurant. The female enters the restaurant with her cellphone to her ear and pretends to look for her party. The male subject enters shortly thereafter and walks by the victim. The male grabs the purse and covers it with his black jacket. The male immediately walks out of the restaurant, and the female follows a few seconds later.

Both subjects get into a silver or gray early 2000's Acura MDX, driven by a third subject, and flee the area, west on Highway 126.

The same male subject stole a purse from a female victim shopping at Smart & Final, in the city of Camarillo. The victim placed her purse in the shopping cart. The victim became distracted and, when she returned to her cart, her purse was gone.

Surveillance footage captured the same male subject using his jacket to cover the victim's purse as he took it from the cart and walked out of the store. In this case, the suspect was seen working with another unknown male subject who also entered the store and appeared to be the primary subject's 'look out.' Both suspects got into the same vehicle described in the Fillmore incident.

The Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating and/or identifying the suspects pictured below. If anyone has information or if you have been victimized, you are encouraged to contact Detective Javier Chavez at the Fillmore Police Station.

**Prepared by:** Detective Javier Chavez

**Media Release Date:** January 29, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Javier Chavez, 805-524-2233;  
[Javier.chavez@ventura.org](mailto:Javier.chavez@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

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###

**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint**

1/31/2016 1:25:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint  
**Report Number:** 16-15392, 16-15407  
**Location:** City of Camarillo  
**Date & Time:** January 30, 2016, 9:00pm to January 31, 2016, 3:00 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Edward Daniel Sanchez	Camarillo	36
(S) Tammy Renee Roberts	Newbury Park	35

**Narrative:**

### **DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

Camarillo, CA ' The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau in conjunction with the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau, conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on January 30, 2016, on Ponderosa Drive north of Fulton Street between the hours of 9:00 pm and 12:00 am., and on Las Posas Road east of Crestview Avenue between the hours of 12:00 am and 3:00 am. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding

considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

- 275 Vehicles Screened
- 2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 3 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 7 Citations issued

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Saturday February 13, 2016 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

###

**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**Media Release Date:** January 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant  
brad.clifton@ventura.org

**Approved By:** Mark Franke, Captain

**Identity Theft Arrest**

2/1/2016 6:25:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft Arrest

**Report Number:** RB #16-0005998

**Location:** 1000 block of Rancho Drive  
Ojai, Ca 93023

**Date & Time:** 02/01/2016 1030 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**

(S) Manuel Rosales

**City of Residence**

Oxnard

**Age**

62 yrs

**Narrative:**

During the dates of January 5-13, 2016 a resident residing in the unincorporated area of Ventura County/Ojai area reported being a victim of mail theft. Included in the stolen mail was a Costco American Express credit card.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. It was determined that this stolen credit card was used at various locations throughout the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo. Video of the suspect using the stolen credit card was obtained from Target Stores located in Camarillo and Oxnard (River Park location).

A request to identify the suspect was sent out to the public. The request contained a video clip of the suspect making the fraudulent transactions. A citizen recognized the suspect from the video and provided his name to law enforcement. This led to the identification and arrest of the suspect, Manuel Rosales. Rosales was booked at the Ventura County Jail with a bail amount of \$50,000.00.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:**

Detective Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 02/01/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

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**Pharmaceutical Collections for the year 2015**

2/2/2016 5:40:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Pharmaceutical Collections for the year 2015

**Report Number:**

**Location:** All Sheriff's Sub-Stations

**Date & Time:** 02/02/2016 ' 1500 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America. Prescription and over-the counter medications can be just as dangerous as illegal drugs. Additionally, the majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet. You can't predict the effect a drug may have on you as everyone's brain and body chemistry are different. If you would like more information on drugs and teenage drug abuse please click on the following link: <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/drug-facts/prescription-drugs>

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is very pleased to announce that we have collected 5,900 pounds of unused / expired medication for the year 2015. This is approximately a 400 pound increase from the previous year's total.

A breakdown of the 2015 collection totals is as follows: Ojai PD ' 262.5 pounds, Fillmore PD ' 103.3 pounds, Camarillo PD ' 1,949.70 pounds, Moorpark PD ' 418.2 pounds, Headquarters ' 893.3 pounds and East Valley, 2,273.5 pounds. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the citizens of Ventura County for their outstanding effort to make our communities safer.

If you want to drop off unused / expired medications at any Sheriff's Substation, we have Pharmaceutical drop-off bins in all of our lobbies. The lobbies are open Monday-Friday from 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John M. Franchi

**News Release Date:** 02/02/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John M. Franchi / 805-388-5135

**Approved by:**

Captain Cory Rubright

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## News Story

**Nature of Incident:** Youth Mental Health First Aid Course  
**Location:** Camarillo Police Department Community Meeting Room  
**Date & Time:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30th, 2016/ 5:30PM ' 9:30PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department

**Narrative:**

**Do you know how to recognize the signs and symptoms of youth that are in an emotional crisis or developing mental health problems'**

**Youth Mental Health First Aid is a free 8 hour training course primarily focused on information adult participants can use to help adolescents (ages 12-18) who are experiencing mental health challenges, substance use, anxiety, depression as well as reviewing typical adolescent development.**

**Participants will learn to support youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental health problem or those in an emotional crisis by learning a five-step action plan:**

- } Assess for risk of suicide or harm**
- } Listen non-judgmentally**
- } Give reassurance and information**
- } Encourage appropriate professional help**
- } Encourage self-help and other support strategies**

**To register please email Mary Ellen Collins, Certified Trainer:  
[mecollins@voice4families.com](mailto:mecollins@voice4families.com) or call (805) 657-4408**

**Made possible through funding from Ventura County Behavioral Health Department**

**Prepared by: Mark Stadler, CIT Program Administrator**

**Media Release Date:** February 2, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** [mark.stadler@ventura.org](mailto:mark.stadler@ventura.org) / 805-388-5107

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Identity Theft Suspect Arrested**

2/3/2016 11:36:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** 160010313 & 160014507

**Location:** 3000 Block of Espana Lane, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** 01-29-2016 @ 10:35 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Forgery / Fraud Unit, Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, Thousand Oaks Patrol Services

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(S) Vanetta Hankins

**City of Residence**

Inglewood, California

**Age**

48

**Narrative:**

An identity theft investigation in Thousand Oaks led investigators to the arrest of Vanetta Hankins for identity theft, vehicle theft, forgery, receiving stolen property, along with several felony criminal enhancements.

In January 2016, investigators assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Forgery / Fraud Unit and Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit initiated an investigation into identity theft. Detectives learned Vanetta Hankins had rented and occupied a residence in the City of Thousand Oaks under a fraudulent name. As the investigation unfolded, investigators also learned that Hankins has also leased a vehicle in the City of Hawthorne using the same fraudulent name.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Hankins' Thousand Oaks residence and located evidence supporting their investigation, as well as evidence connecting Hankins to several other identity theft victims. On 1-29-16, Hankins was arrested and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura. Hankins' bail was set at \$200,000.00.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft is still the number criminal enterprise impacting consumers, and is estimated to cause billions of dollars in financial losses every year. Police recommend consumers take simple precautions to decrease their chances of being victimized in this manner, including:

- Frequent checks of your credit report

- } Monitor savings / checking accounts for unauthorized activity
- } Shred all mail you are discarding, which contains personal identifying information
- } Order your credit report from the below credit bureaus and check for fraudulent accounts:

Equifax (800) 997-2493

Experian (888) 397-3742

TransUnion (800) 916-8800

If you become aware of any fraudulent cashed checks, credit card charges or accounts opened in your name, please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (805) 654-9511 to file a police report. For more information on identity theft visit: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

**Prepared by:** Detective Billy Hutton

**Media Release Date:** 02-02-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Billy Hutton / (805) 947-8113 / [william.hutton@ventura.org](mailto:william.hutton@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Suspect Arrested in Criminal Threats Case After Threatening a Shooting**

2/3/2016 4:56:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Suspect Arrested in Criminal Threats Case after threatening a Shooting

**Report Number:** 160016651

**Location:** City of Moorpark, CA

**Date & Time:** February 2, 2016 / 1:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department's Patrol and Investigations Bureau, Thousand Oaks Police Department's and Camarillo Police Department's Special Enforcement Units, Sheriff's East County Major Crimes Bureau and the San Diego Police Department

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(V) PennyMac Loan Services

(S) Todd Alan Duell

**City of Residence**

Moorpark

San Diego

**Age**

N/A

46

**Narrative:**

On the afternoon of February 2, 2016, deputies from the Moorpark Police Department responded to a call of threats at the corporate office of PennyMac's Loan Services located in the City of Moorpark. Deputies were told that a customer named Todd Duell called PennyMac to discuss an issue he had with an account and ongoing litigations. During the recorded conversation, Duell became upset with PennyMac's response to his concerns. He made very specific and direct threats to come to PennyMac's Moorpark office and shoot people to get their attention.

An immediate investigation into this very serious threat was initiated by the Moorpark Investigations and Sheriff's East County Major Crimes Bureaus, which revealed that Duell was a current resident in the City of San Diego and capable of carrying out his threats. With the assistance of the Thousand Oaks and Camarillo Special Enforcement Units and the San Diego Police Department, Duell was taken into custody without incident and a search warrant was executed at his residence during the early morning hours of February 3, 2016. During the search of Duell's home, investigators discovered and seized three handguns, one AR-15 type rifle and approximately 5000 rounds of ammunition.

Todd Alan Duell was booked into the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Pre-Trial Detention Facility for one count of California Penal Code Section 422, Criminal Threats.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John Wright

**News Release Date:** February 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up**

Sergeant John Wright / (805) 797-7128

**Contact:**

**Approved by:**

Stephen Wade, Captain

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Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments "Coffee with the Chiefs" Community Outreach Program

2/4/2016 12:08:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments 'Coffee with the Chiefs' Community Outreach Program

**Location:** P & L Burger, 2000-A Avenida de los Arboles, Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016. 8:30 AM ' 10:30 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service while the Fire Protection District had approximately 12,000 responses. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. Your Fire Protection District has numerous stations throughout your community to enhance their availability to each region. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly coffee with the Chiefs and [on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>](#). Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Fire Chief Ted Smith will be at P & L Burger, located at 2000 Avenida de los Arboles, Unit A.

What's on your mind? The chiefs want to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the Chiefs has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Smith and Chief Hagel will be present [from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM](#).

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** February 3, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Ed Beauvais (805) 371-8362 / [edward.beauvais@ventura.org](mailto:edward.beauvais@ventura.org)

**Approved by:**

Commander Tim Hagel

###

**Tell A Friend About the Super Bowl DUI Enforcement Patrol in the Moorpark Area**

2/6/2016 10:38:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Tell a Friend About the Super Bowl DUI Enforcement Patrol in the Moorpark Area

**Report Number:** None.

**Location:** City of Moorpark.

**Date & Time:** February 7, 2016, from 8:00 PM to 3:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department / Traffic Unit.

**Narrative:**

**Game Plan for Super Bowl 50: Are You Drinking or Are You Driving'**

***This is NOT the Time for an Option Play***

Moorpark CA ' The Super Bowl is America's most watched national sporting event. On Sunday, February 7, there will be lots of Super Bowl 50 socializing that may include drinking. That's why the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the California Office of Traffic Safety and local law enforcement officials statewide are urging football fans to call the play now: drinking OR driving don't do both! If you plan on drinking on Super Bowl Sunday, designate a sober driver to get you home safely.

The Moorpark Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI saturation patrols specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment during and following the Super Bowl.

NHTSA's '***Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk***' campaign encourages people to make plans ahead of time to prevent them from getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking. Driving impaired could result in injury or death for you or others on the road.

According to 2014 data, 9,967 people were killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes in the United States ' 31 % of all vehicle crash fatalities in the nation, with crashes spiking on the weekends. California's 2014 data reveals that 882 individuals were killed in DUI crashes.

A driver is legally considered alcohol-impaired with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. The use of drugs and other factors can lead to arrest or crashes at much lower alcohol levels. This February 7, don't become a tragic Super Bowl statistic ' ***Fans Don't Let fans Drive Drunk.***

'Drunk driving is completely preventable,' said Captain Stephen Wade. 'All it takes is a little planning. We want fans to remember that they have a choice. Drink *or* drive'but never do both!'

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 %) than did for alcohol (7.3 %). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 %, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether

prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol in combination with these drugs can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

For those who plan to drink, leave your keys at home. Designate a sober driver, whether it's a friend, relative, taxi, rideshare, or public transportation. The California Office of Traffic Safety Designated Driver VIP (DDVIP) mobile app is now available to download for free on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their lifesaving roles. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft, or Curb ' all from one screen.

For those who plan to drive, refrain from any alcohol. Instead, enjoy the game with food and non-alcoholic drinks. Being a sober, designated driver is a key role on Super Bowl Sunday. You might just save a life.

If you're attending a Super Bowl 50 party, designate a responsible driver before the game begins. One way to thank your designated driver is by tweeting us their name during Super Bowl 50, which will appear on NHTSA's Wall of Fame. And if you are the designated driver, be sure to tweet us your name during the big game to make NHTSA's Wall of Fame too.

These operations are funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who reminds everyone to be alert and 'Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 911' if you see a dangerous driver immediately!

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko #2979

**News Release Date:** 02/06/2016

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**Approved by:** Stephen Wade, Captain

###

**Overdue Hiker's Safe Return**

2/7/2016 3:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Overdue Hiker's Safe Return

**Report Number:** 16-19054

**Location:** Sycamore Canyon Campground, California State Park

**Date & Time:** 02/06/16 @ 10:30 P.M.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department, Sheriff's Aviation Unit, East Valley Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Fillmore Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Mounted Unit, Sheriff's K-9 Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, California State Parks, Santa Paula Police

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(P) Patrick Gardner	Santa Paula	36
(P) Juvenile Male	Santa Paula	5

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, 02/06/16, at about 10:30 p.m., the Ventura County Sheriff's Office responded to a mutual aid request from the Santa Paula Police Department regarding overdue hikers. Patrick Gardner and his five year old son, were hiking in the area of Sycamore Canyon Campground near the Pacific Coast Highway. Gardner and his son became disoriented to their location and were forced to stay overnight in the area of Pacific View Drive and Deer Creek Road which is located outside of the California State Park.

Patrol resources located Gardner's vehicle in the day use area of the parking lot at the Sycamore Canyon Campground. The Sheriff's Aviation unit conducted a search of the area using night vision goggles and Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) with negative results. This prompted the activation of the East Valley Search and Rescue Team to conduct a ground search of the area. Additional resources from the Fillmore Search and Rescue Team, K-9 Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Mounted Posse, and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services were also activated to aid in locating Gardner and his son.

On Sunday 02/07/16, at about 9:00 a.m., Gardner and his son walked out of the search area with minor cuts and scratches but were in good health and spirits. After speaking to Gardner it was determined he and his son became lost sometime after sunset. Gardner and his son found refuge in an unoccupied dwelling east of the Sycamore Canyon Campground.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind anyone enjoying the back county to be prepared for even the easiest of hikes. The 'Ten Essentials' to take when hiking are Map, GPS, Sunglasses and Sunscreen, Extra Clothing, Flashlight, First-Aid Supplies, Fire Starter, Matches,

Knife, and Extra Food and Water. Also file a hiking plan with someone who will be able to contact rescue resources in the event you do not return at your planned time. A hiking plan can be found at [www.VCSAR3.org](http://www.VCSAR3.org)

**Prepared by:** Deputy Chris Dyer, Search and Rescue Liaison

**News Release Date:** 02/07/16 @ 12:00 p.m.

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Chris Dyer  
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**Approved by:** Captain Randy Downard, Watch Commander

###

**Military Gear Stolen from Veterans**

2/10/2016 6:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Military Gear Stolen from Veterans

**Report Number:** 160014252, 160018772, 160019595

**Location:** Westside of the City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** February 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Investigations

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Unknown Suspect(s)

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

Unknown

**Narrative:**

During the first two weeks of February, military gear has been stolen from service members who live in the western portions of Camarillo. The items, which included uniforms, helmets and other specialized military gear, were stolen from the victims' garages and vehicles. The crimes occurred during the nighttime hours. Detectives believe these are crimes of opportunity, and that military personnel are not being targeted.

Ventura County has a special relationship with, and appreciation for the men and women who serve with our armed services and call Ventura County home. The Camarillo Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying suspects and preventing further victimization of Veterans and Camarillo residents.

Military gear is distinctive and often have very specialized uses. Furthermore, members of the military are diligent about labeling their equipment with name tapes, iron-on labels and permanent marker. Please pay special attention to people selling military items whose name does not match the names on the gear they are selling. Please report found military type items to your local law enforcement agencies. Some stolen property was located by an alert citizen in a parking lot near the intersection of Overland Road and West Ventura Boulevard in Camarillo.

Veterans and citizens are reminded to properly secure garages, vehicles and personal property. In addition, please report **ANY** suspicious subjects you may see in your neighborhoods, to the Ventura County Sheriff's Dispatch Center at **805-654-9511** or **911**.

**Prepared by:** Detective Brent Miller, Camarillo Investigations

**News Release Date:** 02/10/2016

**Media Follow-Up**  
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**Approved by:**

Captain Cory Rubright

**DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint**

2/11/2016 7:48:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** February 13, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

**DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

In 2014 in the city of Thousand Oaks there were 296 arrests for drunk driving and 103 DUI related crashes, while in 2015 there 180 arrests and 78 DUI related crashes. These numbers are down from years past and are in large part to our collective efforts to reduce drunk driving through enforcement, education, and the availability and ease of contacting ride services.

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on February 13, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years officers have investigated 112 DUI collisions which have claimed 4 lives and resulted in another 150 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a

growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Thousand Oaks Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** February 11, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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**National Phone Scam Investigation**

2/13/2016 11:20:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** National Phone Scam Investigation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** January 2015

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office,

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Unknown	Georgia	

**Narrative:**

In January of 2015, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office began investigating a series of phone scams targeting Ventura County Residents. In each of the cases, a caller would identify himself as a Captain with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and inform the resident he/she had failed to report for Jury Duty. The suspect would inform the resident there was a warrant issued for their arrest and demanded \$5,000 to recall the warrant.

Investigators were able to identify the suspect's phone number and found he was calling hundreds of potential victims a day. Based on phone records, the targeted victims lived in various areas throughout the United States. The suspect showed a degree of sophistication in his attempted crimes by changing his phone number on almost a daily basis. Investigators found all of the phone calls originated from a cell phone located inside the Jimmy Autry Correctional Institute in Pelham, Georgia.

Investigators learned the FBI was actively investigating charges of corruption in the institution. At the time of the investigation, there were no known completed transfers of money by Ventura County residents. The Sheriff's Office deferred its investigation and provided the FBI with details of its case.

The FBI recently announced its federal indictments as a result of their corruption investigation. To date, the suspect in the Ventura County phone scam attempts has not been identified.

For more information on the FBI's corruption investigation, please refer to the below link.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/further-corruption-involving-georgia-department-corrections-guards-exposed>

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Bill Schierman

**News Release Date:** 2-12-2016

**Media Follow-Up** Sgt. Bill Schierman 805-383-8729

**Contact:**

**Approved by:** Curt Rothschiller.

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**DNA Evidence Leads to Commercial Burglary Arrest**

2/17/2016 11:31:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** DNA evidence leads to commercial burglary arrest

**Report Number:** RB #16-0005784

**Location:** Eggs and Potatoes  
1103 Maricopa Highway/Ojai

**Date & Time:** 02/16/2016 0930 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives, Ventura County Crime Lab, and Oceanside Police

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Jonathan Jessop	Oceanside	35 yrs

**Narrative:**

On January 13, 2016, at approximately 0224 hours, an unknown suspect burglarized a local Ojai restaurant called Eggs and Potatoes. Video surveillance showed the suspect forcibly breaking into and entering the business where he removed and carried out a small safe. The safe contained cash and approximately 25 blank business checks.

Evidence collected at the crime scene was processed by the Ventura County Crime Lab for DNA evidence. This resulted in a DNA profile of a single male suspect. The DNA profile was entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) which generated a HIT on a convicted felon named Jonathan Jessop.

Based on the work done by the crime lab, Ojai Detectives were able to visually match a recent booking photo of Jessop with the video surveillance and determined it to be the same person. Ojai Detectives determined Jessop is a resident living in the areas of San Diego and Oceanside. A burglary warrant for his arrest was obtained from Ventura County.

On February 17, 2016, Ojai Detectives with the assistance of Oceanside Police Department located and arrested Jessop for the outstanding warrant. He was found to be in possession of heroin and subsequently booked at the San Diego County Jail. While being interviewed, he confessed to committing the burglary. Jessop mistakenly believed that based on Proposition 47, the penalty for this burglary would carry a charge of only a misdemeanor, not a felony. Jessop remains in custody without bail.

The quick resolution of this crime was due in large part to the expedient and professional work done by the Ventura County Crime Lab.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 02/17/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

***Attachment: booking photo***

**Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter**

2/17/2016 7:46:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter  
**Report Number:** 15-2040620  
**Location:** 600 Block of County Square Drive, Ventura  
**Date & Time:** February 17, 2016  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit  
Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(D) Dallas Wilson	Oak View	37
(S) Dayn Manson	Oak View	32

**Narrative:**

Ojai resident Dallas Wilson died on September 22, 2015 from a heroin overdose. Investigators from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau and Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) investigated Wilson's death and identified Oak View resident Dayn Manson as the source of heroin.

On February 17, 2016, the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit concluded its investigation into Wilson's death with the presentation of the case to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office who filed a criminal complaint charging Manson with manslaughter and sales of heroin with an enhancement of causing great bodily injury. An arrest warrant was issued for Dayn Manson and he was located in the City of Ventura and arrested.

Manson was booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail. His bail was set at \$50,000 and his court date is pending.

Ventura County Sheriff's Office West County Patrol assisted in the arrest of Manson.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-

8700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Victor Fazio

**News Release Date:** February 17, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Robert Davidson  
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(805) 947-8705

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

###

## Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR) Crime Statistics

2/17/2016 10:22:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR) Crime Statistics

**Location:** Countywide

**Date & Time:** 02/17/2016 @ 10:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office

### **Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has released its 2015 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) crime statistics for Part 1 Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft and Arson).

The data represents the information collected from the five contract cities where the Sheriff's Office provides police services and the unincorporated areas of the county. Those cities are Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, Fillmore and Ojai.

Overall, reported crime is up 6% when combining all of the Sheriff's jurisdictions. The increases in crime were reported across all Part 1 crime categories except residential burglaries. Only the cities of Ojai and Thousand Oaks showed a decrease in Part 1 crimes with Ojai showing a dramatic decrease of 44%. Ojai reported decreases in all categories of Part 1 crimes with the exception of residential burglaries. Whereas Thousand Oaks showed the most dramatic decrease in residential burglaries by 45% of all the Sheriff's jurisdictions.

Proposition 47, which reclassified a number of felonies to misdemeanors, was expected to reduce the prison and jail population statewide. While some county jurisdictions have seen modest reductions in their population, Ventura County has not. Our inmate population remains at pre-Prop 47 levels. Our justice system has reoriented itself to address an increase in misdemeanor court cases and a reduction in felony cases. This is the first full year of post Prop 47 releases of offenders and the reduction of certain felonies to misdemeanors. Sheriff's Office statistics show that 32% (793) of convicted offenders have reoffended since their release from custody and 87% (687) of those have been arrested between one and three times. We continue to evaluate crime and arrest data in an attempt to definitively measure the local effects of Proposition 47, however, while there is no definitive correlation between Prop 47 and the increase in crime, it certainly appears that a logical progression would lend us to believe there is a direct connection.

For a copy of the full report go to [http://www.vcsd.org/crime\\_stats.php](http://www.vcsd.org/crime_stats.php).

Although there was a small increase in reported Part 1 crimes in 2015, the crime rate is still lower

than it has been over the past 25 years, with the exception of 2014. Much of our success as a law enforcement agency is due to our partnerships with the communities we serve. We encourage people to actively report suspicious and/or criminal activity immediately by calling 9-1-1. Non-emergency reports can be made through our Sheriff's Communication Center by calling (805) 654-9511.

For questions on specific patrol area crime statistics please contact:

**Camarillo Police Department**

Commander Monica McGrath: 388-5102

**Fillmore Police Department**

Captain Dave Wareham: 524-2233

**Moorpark Police Department**

Captain Steve Wade: 532-2705

**Ojai Police Department**

Captain Dave Kenney: 646-1418

**Thousand Oaks Police Department**

Commander Tim Hagel: 494-8265

**Prepared by:** Captain John Reilly

**News Release Date:** 02/17/2016

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**Approved by:** Assistant Sheriff Steve Decesari

**Investigators Arrest Two for Possession of Narcotics and Stolen Property**

2/19/2016 7:11:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics / Stolen Property Arrests

**Report Number:** 16-16902 (Oxnard Police Department)

**Location:** 2300 Block of Jardin Drive City of Oxnard

**Date & Time:** February 18, 2016 at 5:40 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, West County Street Team, Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Ricardo Moreno	Oxnard	42
(S) Gabriela Magana	Oxnard	23

**Narrative:**

Information on methamphetamine and heroin sales led to the arrest of Ricardo Moreno for narcotics, stolen property and firearm related charges and Gabriela Magana for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

During this investigation, detectives received information Moreno was selling methamphetamine and heroin in the city of Oxnard. Detectives obtained a search warrant for Moreno, his vehicle and his residence.

On February 18, 2016 the Oxnard Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) executed the search warrant at Moreno's residence in the 2300 Block of Jardin Drive. Moreno and Magana were located inside the residence. Moreno was initially arrested for maintaining a place for selling or using controlled substances. Magana was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. Narcotics detectives began a search of the residence and located over a pound of heroin, almost two ounces of cocaine, a loaded stolen firearm, and a large sum of U.S. currency concealed inside the residence. The amount of heroin seized would provide over 5000 doses of heroin to a user with a street value in excess of \$50,000.

Detectives also located thousands of dollars of stolen property inside the residence. Detectives located several flat screen televisions still in the original packaging, several sound entertainment systems, numerous power and air tool sets in original packaging, new in the box yard power tools and equipment, stolen guitars, and stolen industrial rental equipment. Property crimes detectives from the Port Hueneme Police Department, Oxnard Police Department and the Sheriff's Office were summoned to assist with the stolen property investigation. It was determined items were stolen from a residential burglary, several large chain retailer stores and private businesses.

Detectives coordinated the return of 76 pieces of stolen property valued over \$12,000 to the victims.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Moreno was arrested for several charges related to possession of narcotics for sale, maintaining a place for selling or using narcotics, numerous counts of possession of stolen property, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Moreno was booked into the Ventura County Jail on \$250,000.00 bail. Magana was booked into the Oxnard Police Department and posted bail.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department narcotics detectives working cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** February 19, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Jason Hendren  
805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

**Vehicle Burglary Crime Spree / Arrests**

2/25/2016 3:25:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vehicle Burglary Crime Spree / Arrests

**Report Number:** RB#'s 16-21494 / 16-22799 / 16-27831 / 16-27871

**Location:** Multiple Jurisdictions in California, including the Cities of Ojai, Camarillo, Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme

**Date & Time:** 02/11/16 @ 12pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Station Patrol and Detectives, Sheriff's Warrant Detail

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Williams, David Lee	Ventura	32
(S) Willard, Jennifer	Ventura	36
(S) Cook, Korey	Oxnard	29

**Narrative:**

A multi-jurisdictional crime spree involving the Cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Malibu, Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria was brought to end with the arrests of three Ventura County residents. The crime spree spanned at least 30 days.

The crime spree first came to light in the City of Ojai on 02/11/2016, when local detectives investigated a vehicle burglary reported outside the Bryant Street Gym. The suspects used the victim's credit card minutes after the crime at a local Ojai gas station and video surveillance revealed the suspects were driving a white U-Haul van, but their faces were not visible.

The crime spree continued two days later when two more vehicles were broken in to at the Gridley Trailhead in Ojai. One of the victims recalled seeing a white U-Haul van but was unsure if it was connected to the crimes. Ojai Detectives learned this victim's credit card was used within two hours of the trailhead burglaries at the same Ojai gas station as the 2/11/16 crime. Surveillance video now revealed one male suspect and one female suspect. The video also revealed distinct physical information about the female suspect.

Using the descriptive information, Ojai Detectives were able to positively identify the female suspect as Jennifer Willard, who had two outstanding Ventura County warrants. Further investigation led to the identification of David Williams as the male suspect, who was currently on probation in Ventura County. The U-Haul van's license plate number was obtained and Ojai Patrol began an active search for the van and vehicle burglary suspects.

On 2/22/16, Ojai patrol units located Willard walking on Ventura Avenue at Warner Street in Ventura. Willard was arrested for her warrants and was in possession of a purse that contained

the personal property of a Malibu resident. It was learned the Malibu victim's property was just stolen from her vehicle that morning while it was parked at a beach trailhead in Malibu. The Malibu victim's credit cards were used immediately after the crime at a gas station in Malibu, a Target and Walmart in Camarillo, and at a Walmart in Ventura. Video surveillance revealed both Williams and Willard using the victim's credit cards at the above locations. The video also revealed they were driving the U-Haul van.

On 2/23/16, a deputy from the Sheriff's Warrant detail was aware of the suspect and vehicle information associated with this on-going crime spree and saw the U-Haul van being driven in the City of Ventura. A traffic stop was conducted and Williams was identified as the driver. A male passenger in the van, Korey Cook, was determined to have four outstanding Ventura County warrants. Both Williams and Cook were in possession of stolen property from a vehicle burglary that occurred in Camarillo earlier this same morning. The Camarillo victim's credit card was used at a Camarillo gas station immediately following the vehicle burglary. Ojai Detectives later obtained surveillance video of both Williams and Cook using the Camarillo victim's credit card.

A search of the U-Haul van resulted in the recovery of numerous items of stolen property, taken from multiple California cities, including: credit cards, checkbooks, driver's licenses, vehicle pink slips, and jewelry. There was also property belonging to two victims living outside of California. The investigation is continuing.

Williams was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for conspiracy, vehicle burglary, commercial burglary, identity theft, possession of burglary tools, and possession of stolen property. Bail was set at \$80,000.00.

Willard was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for conspiracy, vehicle burglary, commercial burglary, identity theft, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance and her 2 outstanding warrants. Bail was set at \$70,000.00

Cook was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for conspiracy, vehicle burglary, identity theft, possession of burglary tools, and four outstanding warrants. Bail was set at \$50,000.00.

The Ojai Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office offer the following crime prevention tips regarding vehicle burglary: Lock your vehicle, do not leave valuables such as purses, wallets, cell phones, computers, or purchased items in your vehicle or in plain view, plan your shopping so that you do not load your trunk until you are ready to leave, and if you think you are being followed, go to a safe area and call 911. Always take note of and report suspicious people and vehicles, and report your observations to law enforcement immediately.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 2/25/2016

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**Approved by:** Captain David C. Kenney

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###

**Camarillo Police Department Creates Partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education for a Student Citizen Academy**

2/26/2016 12:29:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Police Department Creates Partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education for a Student Citizen Academy

**Report Number:**

**Location:** 3701 East Las Posas

**Date & Time:** March 2, 2016 ' May 25, 2016 (2:00PM-4:00PM)

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department - Community Resource Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department is proud to announce their partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education, for a first ever Student Citizen Academy. The Student Citizen Academy is a brand new program developed in cooperation with the Camarillo Police Department and the Ventura County Office of Education. The goal of this program is to give high school students a chance to learn about the operations and responsibilities of law enforcement in Ventura County. Students attending the 12 week program were selected by the Ventura County Office of Education from high schools throughout Ventura County where they are enrolled in criminal justice classes. The students selected will get school credit for attending this program and will gain insight into the realm of public safety and community service. Students will additionally learn about the county's detention facilities, meet SWAT officers, learn about our Forensic Services Bureau, visit the heliport, meet bomb squad technicians, and meet a K-9 officer. The classes are scheduled from March 2, 2016, through May 25, 2016. At the completion of the program, there will be a graduation ceremony with the Camarillo Chief of Police. There are no additional costs associated with this program to the students, the police department, or to the Ventura County Office of Education.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank the Ventura County Office of Education for this new and exciting partnership.

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant John M. Franchi #2549

**News Release Date:**

February 25, 2016

**Media Follow-Up**

Sergeant John M. Franchi @ 805-388-5135

**Contact:**

**Approved by:**

Commander Monica McGrath

**Injury Traffic Collision**

2/26/2016 3:48:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Injury Traffic Collision**Report Number:** 16-29482**Location:** 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Saratoga St, Fillmore CA.**Date & Time:** 02/26/2016 ' 0759 hours**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(P) Female Juvenile	Fillmore	17
(P) Yvette Martinez	Fillmore	28
(P) Passenger-Jessica Galindo	Fillmore	22
(P) Kenneth Rogers	Fillmore	87

**Narrative:**

On February 26, 2016, at approximately 8:00 am, Fillmore Deputies were dispatched to an injury accident at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Saratoga Street in the city of Fillmore. The accident involved three vehicles, a Chevy Tahoe driven by a female juvenile, a Dodge Caravan driven by Yvette Martinez, and a Chevy Silverado driven by Kenneth Rogers.

The driver of the Dodge Caravan was traveling westbound on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the driver of the Chevy Tahoe was at the intersection of Saratoga Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. As the Caravan and Tahoe entered the intersection, they collided and spun into the Chevy Silverado that was traveling eastbound on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The passenger in the Dodge Caravan was transported to Santa Paula Hospital for minor injuries suffered during the accident. None of the drivers were injured.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers to always be aware of other vehicles and drive safely when entering intersections.

**Prepared by:** Cadet Julio Espinoza**News Release Date:** February 26, 2016**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Cadet Julio Espinoza 805-524-2233

**Approved by:**

Captain Dave Wareham

###

**Prostitution Arrests**

2/26/2016 2:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Prostitution Arrests

**Report Number:** Various

**Location:** Thousand Oaks and Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 02/24/2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit, Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail, Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit, Moorpark Special Enforcement Unit, Ventura County District Attorney's Office

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Asia Noel	Sacramento	25
Sara Cox	Oxnard	31
Katherine Cullen	Las Vegas	35
Jiayang Yang	Transient	44

**Narrative:**

A prostitution sting conducted in the cities of Camarillo and Thousand Oaks led to the arrest of four subjects for conspiracy to commit prostitution.

On February 24, 2016, members of various units from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office conducted an investigation into potential human trafficking occurring in the cities of Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. The objective of the investigation was to identify prostitutes who are victims of human trafficking, and to identify subjects acting as 'pimps.'

Investigators searched the internet and located subjects advertising prostitution in Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. Investigators made contact with the subjects and determined they were all operating out of various motels. Investigators sought and obtained search warrants for the subjects and their motel rooms, and later served the search warrants, recovering additional

evidence of the conspiracy to commit prostitution. Sara Cox and Jiayang Yang were contacted at motels in Camarillo and arrested. Katherine Cullen and Asia Noel were contacted at motels in Thousand Oaks and arrested. All four of the arrested subjects appeared to be working independently from one another.

Residents of Ventura County can expect the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Ventura County District Attorney's Office to continue actively and aggressively investigating potential human trafficking cases in Ventura County communities.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Eric Tennesen  
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**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath



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**Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

2/29/2016 8:50:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** City and county areas of Ojai

**Date & Time:** Saturday, February 27, 2016 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Ojai Police Department Investigations Unit

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, February 27th, 2016, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of thirty five (35) registered sex offenders throughout the county. The compliance checks were part of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Fifteen (15) of the offenders were found to be in compliance with their registration requirement. Nine (9) registrants were verified as living at their residence but were not contacted because they were not home. Eleven (11) registrants were not contacted because nobody was home, or the registrant had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if those registrants are out-of-compliance.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be conducting similar sweeps on an ongoing basis, to verify registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.

Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Ryan Clark  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau/ Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** February 29th, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Ryan Clark / 805-384-4721  
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**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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**###**

**Pedestrian Safety Enforcement**

3/1/2016 4:29:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** March 4, 2016, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

**Traffic Enforcement Operations Planned for Thousand Oaks**

Have you been driving down the street only to have a pedestrian who was paying more attention to their cell phone step off the road in front of you' Or as a pedestrian have you seen inattentive drivers nearly miss you and your family in crosswalks' We have too! Last year Thousand Oaks had 26 pedestrian related collisions. This year, in the first two months, our community has already had 7 such instances. In an effort to break this trend the Thousand Oaks Police Department will step up pedestrian safety enforcement operations this Monday with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists and pedestrians. Routine traffic patrols will focus efforts in trouble spots while special overtime patrols will also be deployed to crackdown on drivers and pedestrians who violate basic traffic laws.

The Police Department has mapped out locations over the past three years where pedestrian involved collisions have occurred along with the violations that led to those crashes. Officers will be looking for traffic offenses made by drivers and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks or any other dangerous violation. Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Thousand Oaks Police Department has investigated 103 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians during the past three (3) years. In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrian deaths that year while nationally; 4,743 pedestrians were killed.

A national study reveals that pedestrians and drivers do not obey laws and signals consistently and many often use cell phones, text and listen to music while walking or driving. Only 60 percent of pedestrians said they expected drivers to stop when they were in crosswalks, even though they have the right-of-way. The following safety tips can save lives and stop this tragedy witnessed far too often in Thousand Oaks:

Drivers can:

- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions such as at night or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Stop at the crosswalk stop line to give drivers in other lanes an opportunity to see and yield to the pedestrians too.
- Be cautious when backing up ' pedestrians, especially young children, can move across your path. See [www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm)

Pedestrians can:

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road, cross at crosswalks or intersections, and obey signs and signals.
- Walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible if there is no sidewalk.
- Pay attention to the traffic moving around you. This is not the time to be texting or talking on a cell phone.
- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials (or use a flashlight) at night.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**News Story Date:** March 1, 2015

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**Approved by:** Jim Fryhoff, Captain

**Inmate Death**

3/2/2016 7:37:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Death  
**Report Number:** 16-31622  
**Location:** Ventura County Courthouse, Ventura  
**Date & Time:** 03/01/2016 @ 9:41 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Bureau and Detention Services Legal Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Walter Shandor	Oxnard	61

**Narrative:**

The Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau is investigating an inmate death that occurred at the Ventura County Courthouse in Ventura.

On March 1, 2016, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Inmate Walter Shandor was making a court appearance at the Ventura County Courthouse. Mr. Shandor began having chest pains and notified a court deputy. The court deputy escorted Mr. Shandor to a holding area and immediately notified medical personnel. Mr. Shandor became unresponsive and was rendered emergency aid by court deputies. Ventura City Fire personnel and AMR paramedics were summoned to provide more advanced life saving efforts. Mr. Shandor was transported to Ventura County Medical Center and ultimately was pronounced dead by hospital physicians.

As a matter of policy and procedure, all inmate deaths are investigated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau. There was no indication of violence or suspicious circumstances.

The Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy and determined that Mr. Shandor died from a serious medical condition.

**Prepared by:** Tracy Aguilar, Legal Unit Supervisor  
**News Release Date:** March 2, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Bill Therrien (805) 384-4724  
**Approved by:** Commander Rick Barrios

**Inmate Assault on a Deputy Sheriff / Charges Filed**

3/3/2016 6:21:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Assault on a Deputy Sheriff / Charges Filed

**Report Number:** 16-27162

**Location:** Todd Road Jail, 600 Todd Road, Santa Paula

**Date & Time:** February 22, 2016 @ 6:00 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Todd Road Jail Classification Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(S) Lopezwhite, Gage

**City of Residence**

Ventura

**Age**

20

**Narrative:**

On February 22, 2016, at about 6:00 a.m., A Ventura County Jail inmate, Gage Lopezwhite, assaulted a Ventura County Deputy Sheriff while in custody at the Todd Road Jail. Lopezwhite (see attached booking photo) was subsequently arrested for two felonies: Penal Code section 69(a), resisting an officer in the performance of his duties, and section 243(c)(2) PC, battery on a peace officer. The District Attorney's Office has filed the charges against Lopezwhite and he is scheduled to be arraigned in court on March 4, 2016.

On February 22, 2016, around 6:00 a.m., the deputy was distributing breakfast to inmates in a housing unit when Lopezwhite made threatening statements to the deputy. Lopezwhite then aggressed towards the deputy and spit on him. The deputy immediately tried to protect himself and attempted to handcuff Lopezwhite. While the deputy was trying to restrain Lopezwhite, Lopezwhite bit the deputy on the left bicep. Lopezwhite also punched the deputy on the face, causing minor injuries. The deputy was treated for his injuries at a local hospital and released the same day.

The Todd Road Jail Classification Unit handled the investigation and Lopezwhite was arrested for assault charges and supplementally booked, with bail set at \$40,000. Lopezwhite was originally arrested for an assault with a deadly weapon charge and has been in custody since December of last year. Since that time, he has obtained another assault with a deadly weapon charge against another inmate.

With recent changes in criminal justice sentencing, the number of inmates with violent tendencies has risen, giving rise to increases in assaults on inmates and staff. Jail staff has worked diligently to minimize violent acts through the proper classification and housing of inmates, and by instituting various evidence-based programs to educate and rehabilitate the criminal mindsets of those inmates in custody that want to avail themselves of these opportunities.

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant Julie Novak

**News Release Date:**

March 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up**

Sergeant Julie Novak (805) 947-8104

**Contact:**

**Approved by:**

Commander Ron Nelson

**Off-Highway Vehicle Grant**

3/3/2016 12:45:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Off-Highway Vehicle Grant

**Location:** Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station

**Date & Time:** March 3, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** West County Patrol Services/Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station, is applying for a grant from the California State Park Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. This 2016 State Parks grant budget is anticipated to be about \$5,200,000 designated for distribution to law enforcement agencies within the state. The Sheriff's Office is seeking approximately \$75,530 of the designated funds.

The Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station jurisdictional area is approximately 610 square miles in the northern backcountry of Ventura County. This includes areas of the Los Padres National Forest and Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area. These areas include approximately 300 miles of dedicated recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails. Deputies assigned to the Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station regularly patrol these OHV areas and are subject to call outs for OHV related collisions and search and rescue calls for service.

The funds being sought will enable deputies to establish off-highway patrols in an effort to provide information and education, as well as enforcement actions as needed. The grant application can be viewed and your comment(s) can be submitted at the California State Parks OHV Division website [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov). Comments can be made from March 8, 2016 through April 4, 2016.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Matthew Caezza / Lockwood Valley Station

**News Release Date:** March 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Caezza or Deputy Knowlton (661) 245-3829

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

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**###**

**Sexual Assault Arrest**

3/3/2016 1:01:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sexual Assault Arrest

**Report Number:** 15-2059689

**Location:** City of Fillmore

**Date & Time:** February 29, 2016 3:30 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Vidal Morales	Ventura, CA	55

**Narrative:**

On Monday, February 29th, 2016, Sheriff's detectives arrested Vidal Morales, a youth coordinator at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the city of Fillmore, CA, for one felony count of Lewd and Lascivious Acts Upon a Child.

Morales has worked at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the city of Fillmore for approximately 22 years and is currently employed as the church's youth coordinator. Morales' arrest stemmed from an investigation into the allegations made by a juvenile female, who interacted with Morales while he acted in his official capacity at the church.

The Sheriff's Office first learned of this crime in October of 2015 when the victim reported Morales sexually assaulted her in 2013. During the course of the months long investigation, additional victims were identified. Morales was arrested in the city of Ventura on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Morales was booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail and his bail is set at \$20,000.

This investigation is still ongoing. Those with any information are encouraged to contact Detective Hector Macias at (805) 384-4740.

**Prepared by:** Detective Hector Macias  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau/ Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up**  
**Contact:**

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hector.macias@ventura.org

**Approved by:**

Captain Melissa Smith

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###

**Found Child / Two Arrested for Child Endangerment**

3/4/2016 4:49:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Found Child / Two arrested for Child Endangerment  
**Report Number:** Report Number 16-31260  
**Location:** 1100 Block Los Serenos Drive, Fillmore  
**Date & Time:** February 29, 2016 at 1:50 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office - Fillmore / Santa Clara Valley Station

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Marisela Aguilar	Fillmore	29
(S) Elida Aguilar	Fillmore	31

**Narrative:**

On 02/29/2016, at approximately 1:50 PM, a patrol deputy working in the city of Fillmore located a two year-old child strapped in a stroller, a few feet into the road, on the 1100 block of Los Serenos Drive.

Initially, the deputy saw a couple of adults nearby and suspected they were the child's parents/guardians; however, after swerving to avoid hitting the stroller and parking his patrol unit, the deputy found out the child was abandoned.

The child appeared to have been crying due to having mucus running down his nose and was only wearing a shirt and diaper. The deputy also noted the temperature, which was between 85 and 90 degrees.

One of the adults told the deputy he saw two females arguing and leaving in separate directions, leaving the child in the stroller. Neither of them returned for the child. As the adult was about to call for police assistance, the patrol deputy arrived. It was estimated the child was alone for approximately five to ten minutes.

Unable to locate any responsible person(s) for the child, the deputy had the child transported to the Fillmore Police Station and contacted the county's Children's Protective Services (CPS). A social worker responded to the station to assist.

Several deputies assisted with the investigation and, with the assistance of local residents, the child's mother, Marisela Aguilar, and aunt, Elida Aguilar, were located. They were questioned about the incident.

After the investigation was complete, both Marisela and Elida were arrested for child endangerment. Marisela also had outstanding warrants. CPS was able to place the child with a responsible family relative.

The case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office for filing consideration. The District Attorney's Office elected to file one count each of felony child endangerment against Marisela and Elida.

**Prepared by:** Detective Javier Chavez

**Media Release Date:** March 4, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Javier Chavez, Fillmore Sheriff's Station  
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**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

**Invest in a Child's Future, Donate a Sleeping Bag**

3/4/2016 11:58:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Invest in a Child's Future, Donate a Sleeping Bag

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** March 4 - 14, 2016, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police

**Narrative:**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department is in a long term partnership with the Conejo Recreation and Park District to provide mentorship and learning opportunities to underprivileged youth in our community.

During the upcoming Spring Break, The Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Thousand Oaks Police Department will be taking 120 children on a two-day educational camping trip in our local parks. The children will learn about the environment and our 15,000 acres of open space and trails.

They say *'it takes a village to raise a child'* and we need your help. The Thousand Oaks Police Department is asking the community to donate 120 new, mild - climate sleeping bags (30F' to 50F degree rating) before March 15, 2016. The sleeping bags will not only assist the children to experience the outdoors, but will assist others in the future.

The youth program utilizes Conejo Recreation and Park District staff and Thousand Oaks Police Officers who work closely with 120 local 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to ensure they grow into healthy adults and not be influenced by drugs and gangs. The program includes after-school tutoring, nutrition, literacy and police mentorship activities. In addition, these children are taken on bi-monthly educational trips to allow them opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

Studies show reaching children at an early age through mentoring programs help youth to resist or mitigate the risk factors of violence and enhance skills that lead to healthy and positive lives. When youth are connected to caring individuals they are more likely to resist negative influences and increase self-confidence, self-efficacy and improve their attitudes about the future. Mentoring has been proven to help youth achieve academic success and significantly reduces the likelihood that they will ever commit crimes.

The sleeping bag can be dropped off Monday ' Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Thousand Oaks Police Department located at 2101 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks.

For further information on making a donation or about the program, please contact Sergeant Brian Slominski at (805) 494-8256 or email: [brian.slominski@ventura.org](mailto:brian.slominski@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Detective Timothy Lohman

**News Story Date:** March 4, 2016

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**Approved by:** Commander Tim Hagel

###

**DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint**

3/9/2016 10:04:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** March 19, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

**DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on March 19, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years, the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit has investigated 113 DUI collisions which have claimed 4 lives and resulted in another 152 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, as well as checking drivers for proper licensing, causing motorists only momentary delays. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their system. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving

(14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000, not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Thousand Oaks Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
**Media Release Date:** March 9, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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###

**St Patrick's Day DUI Enforcement**

3/9/2016 10:03:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** St. Patrick's Day DUI Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Cities of: Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark

**Date & Time:** March 17, 2016 to March 19, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Moorpark Police Traffic Bureaus

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

### **Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving**

Keep the streets safe this St. Patrick's Day! Don't drink and drive.

As one of the country's most popular holidays, St. Patrick's Day has long celebrated the roots of 34.2 million Americans with Irish ancestry, and many more who just want to partake in the festivities. This year, if you'll be drinking alcohol, remember: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving. Tragically, March 17 has become one of the nation's deadliest holidays. In fact, from 2010 to 2014, almost three-fourths of the drunk-driving fatalities during this holiday period involved drivers who had BACs well above the .08 limit, with 266 drunk-driving fatalities total nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To help lower deaths and injuries, the Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Moorpark Police Departments will be deploying extra officers this St. Patrick's Day weekend targeting problem areas with high numbers of DUI collisions and DUI arrests. These DUI patrols along with routine nightly patrols will be looking for the tell-tale signs of impaired driving to include weaving, crossing the center line, etc.

Please keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink: Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention could put you at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. So whether you've indulged a little or a lot, law enforcement wants to remind everyone that to drink and drive is a crime ' you put yourself at risk, as well as others. The consequences are often fatal. Let's make 2016 safer.

Use this party-planning checklist to stay safe this St. Patrick's Day.

**PARTY PREPARATION:** Designate a sober, reliable driver to get you home safely. Find the

name of a taxi company (or two), and keep their numbers in your phone, or download the California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app which now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched in 2014, the DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

**ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Before you take your first sip of green beer, leave your keys at home or give them to a friend. Ensure your designated driver has committed to a sober evening. If you're the designated driver, do not drink. Your friends are relying on you, as are the people with whom you share the road. Enjoy non-alcoholic beverages and tweet your VIP (very important partygoer) status online using the hashtag #designateddriver.

**EVERY DAY:** First, commit to driving sober today, St. Patrick's Day, and every day. Second, always keep the number of a taxi company in your phone or in your wallet so you have a backup plan if you find yourself in need of a sober driver. Last, if you're impaired, don't let pride get in the way of calling a sober friend or family member to get you home safely. Help spread the word about the dangers of drunk or buzzed driving, and the resources available to keep the streets safe.

**DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING:** Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Remember, driving after drinking or impaired by drugs should never be an option.

This enforcement campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The next special DUI campaign is set for Cinco de Mayo.

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<b><u>Prepared by:</u></b>	Sergeant Brad Clifton
<b><u>News Release Date:</u></b>	March 9, 2016
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**Approved by:**

Captain Jim Fryhoff

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###

**Jail Inmate Sentenced to 14 Years for Crime in Jail**

3/12/2016 9:38:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Jail Inmate Sentenced to 14 Years for Crime in Jail  
**Report Number:** 15-11899  
**Location:** Pre-Trial Detention Facility Ventura, CA  
**Date & Time:** 5-27-15 , 1645 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes, Pre-Trial Detention Facility Classification Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Bishop, Michael	Inglewood	26

**Narrative:**

On 5/27/15, a disturbance occurred in a jail housing unit at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura, CA. During the disturbance, one inmate was stabbed in the face with a weapon, fabricated by an inmate, resulting in a significant injury. The Pre-Trial Detention Facility Classification Unit in conjunction with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit conducted an investigation into the incident. During the investigation, it was discovered that Inmate Michael Bishop assaulted another inmate in an attempt to exert his influence as a Los Angeles area criminal street gang member. It was also discovered that Bishop was taking jail bought commissary from the inmate using force and violence.

On 5/28/15, Bishop was arrested for PC 211 (Robbery 'First Degree).

On 3/3/16, Bishop's court proceedings were finalized when he was found guilty and sentenced to 14 years in state prison for the robbery he committed while in county jail. Bishop is still awaiting trial for the crimes he committed prior to entering the county jail.

Due to recent legislation changes at the state level and prison realignment, the Ventura County Jails are experiencing a large increase in the amount of violence and the number of crimes that occur in the jails. The Classification Unit works diligently to ensure the safety and security of the jails and the safety of inmates. In incidents where crimes do occur in the county jails, the Classification Unit will exhaust all resources to hold those responsible for victimizing other inmates accountable.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Weston Price

**News Release Date:** 3-11-16

**Media Follow-Up** Detective Steve Michalec (805) 384-4732

**Contact:**

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

**Investigation Leads to Arrests in Multiple Commercial Burglaries in Moorpark and Camarillo**

3/15/2016 1:06:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Investigation Leads to Arrests in Multiple Commercial Burglaries in Moorpark and Camarillo

**Report Numbers:** 160007620, 160018699, 160021889, 160025008,

**Location:** 700 block of Science Drive, Moorpark, CA 93021  
300 block of Science Drive, Moorpark, CA 93021  
100 block East Howard Road, Camarillo, CA 93012  
2800 block of Pleasant Valley Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

**Date & Time:** February 18, 2016 / 8:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Investigations Bureau, Camarillo Police Department Investigations Bureau, Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit, Sheriff's Crime Analysis Bureau, Thousand Oaks Police Department's Investigations and Special Enforcement Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Kenneth Jaggli	Ventura	44
Anthony Frederico	Ventura	31
Lindsey Boyle	Ventura	32
Casey Schmelz	Camarillo	33

**Narrative:**

On the morning of February 18, 2016, a vehicle occupied by Kenneth Jaggli, Anthony Frederico, Lindsey Boyle and Casey Schmelz was stopped by Sheriff's Deputies in the City of Thousand Oaks and found to contain a significant amount of copper wire. The subsequent investigation revealed that the copper wire had been stolen from a commercial building located in the 700 block of Science Drive in the City of Moorpark. Upon further inspection of the building, it was determined that an additional large amount of copper wire and high-end electrical circuit breakers had been stolen from this location as well. The estimated dollar loss from this location exceeds \$500,000.

Detectives from the Moorpark Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, Camarillo Police Department, Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit, and Crime Analysis Unit are conducting a joint investigation into several similar commercial burglaries that occurred in the County of Ventura between the dates of June 2015 and February 2016. This investigation identified Jaggli and Frederico as suspects in two additional commercial burglaries, one in the area of the 100 block of East Howard Road and one in the area of the 2800 block of Pleasant Valley Road both in the City of Camarillo. The estimated dollar loss on these two cases exceeds \$70,000. Jaggli was also identified as a suspect involved with the theft of a vehicle from the 300 block of Science Drive in the City of Moorpark.

Kenneth Jaggli was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Ventura for multiple counts of burglary and one count of vehicle theft. Frederico was arrested and

booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for multiple counts of burglary, one count of possession of stolen property and identity theft. Casey Schmelz was arrested and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for one count of burglary and misdemeanor drug charges. Lindsey Boyle was arrested and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for one count of burglary.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John Wright

**News Release Date:** March 15, 2016

**Media Follow-Up** Detective Ken Truitt, (805) 947-8222

**Contact:**

**Approved by:** Stephen Wade, Captain

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###

**Public's Assistance Requested in Identifying Burglary Suspects**

3/15/2016 5:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Public's Assistance Requested in Identifying Burglary Suspects  
**Report Number:** 16-33340  
**Location:** Pharmacies in the cities of Thousand Oaks and Camarillo,  
**Date & Time:** January 2016 thru March 2016  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau, Camarillo  
Police Department Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Black male , 5'09 -6'0 160 lbs	Unknown	19-30
(S) Hispanic male, 5'5-5'10 180 lbs.		Unkown

**Narrative:**

During the past two months, the cities of Thousand Oaks and Camarillo have experienced a series of early morning burglaries at local pharmacies. The suspects, who have yet to be identified, have forced entry into these pharmacies in order to steal narcotics and cash. Burglars who target pharmacies typically sell the stolen narcotics, causing powerful prescription narcotics to inundate the illegal drug market.

The suspects have committed burglaries at the following locations:

- 400 block of North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks.
- 2300 block of Borchard Road, Thousand Oaks.
- 2300 block of Borchard Road, Thousand Oaks.
- 400 block of Arneill Road, Camarillo.
- 300 block of North Lantana Street, Camarillo.
- 2100 block of Pickwick Drive, Camarillo.

There has also been a dramatic increase in pharmacy burglaries in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Investigators from the Thousand Oaks and Camarillo police departments are currently working with several agencies outside of Ventura County in a cooperative effort to determine if these cases are related and to identify the suspects. The first suspect is described as an African-American male, approximately 5'09' to 6'0' and about 150-180 lbs. The second suspect is described as Hispanic male, approximately 5'05' to 5'10' and about 170-200 lbs.

Investigators are asking for public's assistance in identifying the suspects captured in the attached surveillance photographs.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes or information on persons committing the burglaries please contact Detective Chris Zapata at (805) 494-8221.

**Prepared by:** Detective Chris Zapata,  
City of Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau

**Media Release Date:** 03/15/16

**Media Follow-Up  
Contact:** Detective Chris Zapata  
(805)494-8221

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Assault on Thousand Oaks Police Officer**

3/16/2016 10:31:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Assault on Thousand Oaks Police Officer

**Report Number:** 160039587

**Location:** 800 Block of Brossard Drive, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** March 16, 2016 at 11:25 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Omar Flores	Thousand Oaks	21

**Narrative:**

On 03-16-16, at approximately 11:25 AM, a Thousand Oaks Police Officer was injured in the line of duty while investigating a call of a family disturbance. While obtaining initial information regarding the disturbance at the home, the officer was attacked and injured by (S) Omar Flores. Flores then fled on foot and the injured officer chased and caught him. The injured officer was attacked by Flores again and a fight ensued. Additional patrol officers arrived and assisted with placing Flores into custody.

Thousand Oaks Police Detectives responded and assisted with the investigation. Field Evidence Technicians also responded to the scene and collected evidence.

The officer was injured and received treatment at a local hospital.

Flores was arrested for 243(c)(2)PC ' Battery Against a Peace Office and 69PC ' Obstructing or Resisting Executive Officer in Performance of Duties, both felonies.

Flores was booked into the Ventura Pre-Trial Detention Facility. His bail was set at \$20,000.

**Prepared by:** Detective Michelle Kristol

**Media Release Date:** March 16, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Michelle Kristol  
East County Investigations Bureau  
805-947-8281

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**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Suspect Arrested in 2014 Moorpark Jewelry Store Robbery**

3/16/2016 12:37:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Suspect Arrested in 2014 Moorpark Jewelry Store Robbery  
**Report Number:** RB# 14-28799  
**Location:** Anderson Jewelers  
400 Block of East Los Angeles Ave., Moorpark, CA  
**Date & Time:** March 11, 2016  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Investigations Unit, Sheriff's East County  
Majors Crimes Bureau, Sheriff's Crime Scene Investigations Unit and  
Sheriff's Crime Lab

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Pardo, David	Moorpark	54
(S) Ramirez, Anthony	Simi Valley	23

**Narrative:**

During the early morning hours of December 23, 2014, a previously unknown suspect broke into Anderson Jewelers, assaulted the owner and stole merchandise.

David Pardo is the owner of Anderson Jewelers and was working in his store on the morning of December 23, 2014. At approximately 1:00 AM, Pardo heard glass breaking at the front of his store. He went to investigate and found a male suspect inside of his business, which was closed at the time. Pardo confronted the suspect who then attacked Pardo. Pardo fled from his store and called 911. The suspect left with an undisclosed amount of jewelry prior to the arrival of law enforcement. Pardo was transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained in the attack and was later released. The Sheriff's Crime Scene Investigations responded to process the crime scene and collect evidence.

The lengthy subsequent investigation led to Anthony Ramirez being identified as the suspect in this case. On March 11, 2016, Ramirez was arrested for the Robbery and is currently being held at the Sheriff's Pre-Trial Detention Facility with his bail set at \$1,000,000.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. John Wright  
**News Release Date:** March 16, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up** Detective Darin Yanover, 805-947-6532  
**Contact:**  
**Approved by:** Stephen Wade, Captain

**Thousand Oaks Police & Fire Departments "Coffee with the Chiefs"**

3/16/2016 8:13:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments 'Coffee with the Chiefs' Community Outreach Program  
**Location:** Newbury Park Library, 2331 Borchard Rd. Newbury Park, Ca  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:00 PM ' 4:00 PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service while the Fire Protection District had approximately 12,000 responses. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. Your Fire Protection District has numerous stations throughout your community to enhance their availability to each region. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chiefs and on Tuesday, March 22nd Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Fire Chief Ted Smith will be at the Newbury Park Library, 2331 Borchard Rd. Newbury Park, Ca

What's on your mind? The chiefs want to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the Chiefs has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

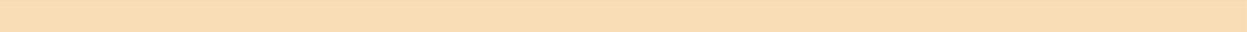
Chief Smith and Chief Hagel will be present from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** March 15, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Ed Beauvais (805) 371-8362 / edward.beauvais@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff



**DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint**

3/21/2016 12:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** 16-41715

**Location:** Newbury Park, California

**Date & Time:** March 19, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Jeffery Clark Albee

**City of Residence**

Calabasas

**Age**

53

**Narrative:**

**DUI Checkpoint Nets One Arrests**

Newbury Park, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on March 19, 2016, on Newbury Road west of Ventu Park Road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., and Borchard Road west of Theresa Drive between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Mr. Albee was arrested at the Borchard Road location after it was determined he was driving under the

influence of alcohol.



### 329 Vehicles Screened

- 1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 4 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 5 Citations issued (Four for unlicensed drivers and one for license not in possession.)

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on May 7, 2016 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** March 20, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

***Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

**Gala Event**

3/22/2016 11:28:00 AM

Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation 'Salute the Stars' Event

Hyatt Regency, 880 S. Westlake Blvd. Westlake, CA 91361

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 / 6:00 p.m. ' 10:00 p.m.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation will be hosting their 2016 gala, 'Salute the Stars' at the Hyatt Regency in Westlake Village on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The evening will feature entertainment as well as a reception, dinner and silent and live auctions. Come out and meet, mingle and play with members of the Ventura County Sheriff's SWAT Team, Search and Rescue Team, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, Bomb Team, K9 Units and others.

This year, the Foundation will be honoring Ventura County Deputy Sheriff Mario Molina. Deputy Molina has proven to be instrumental in the success of many community programs including the 'Shop with A Cop' program allowing kids without the resources to shop with a deputy for Christmas gifts. Community partnerships are paramount to the Foundation's mission and as such, the selection committee sought to recognize someone who truly embodies the philosophy of building those partnerships with the community.

The Foundation is a qualified, non-profit 501C (3), which means that your donations qualify as tax deductions. All money contributed goes directly to the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation's programs and operations, and stays in Ventura County. Funds raised will allow the Foundation to continue to support the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

For more information about the Foundation and to purchase tickets to the event, go to [www.vcsheriffsfoundation.org](http://www.vcsheriffsfoundation.org).

**Prepared by:** Captain Romano Bassi

**News Release Date:** 03/22/2016

**Approved by:**

Sheriff Geoff Dean

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**Residential Burglary Suspect Arrested**

3/22/2016 1:38:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary Suspect Arrested**Report Number:** RB# 16-319190**Location:** 300 Block of Second Street**Date & Time:** 03/16/16 @ 2:00 PM**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Patrol / Investigations**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(A) Kutbach, Richard

**City of Residence**

Fillmore

**Age**

55

**Narrative:**

On March 15, 2016, patrol deputies conducted a burglary investigation that involved the theft of the victim's undergarments. At the deputy's request, the victim installed trail cameras in her backyard. The following day, the victim discovered some undergarments missing from her residence. Upon checking the trail camera, the victim discovered Richard Kutbach, a longtime acquaintance, entering the residence. A search warrant was served on Kutbach's residence. Investigators discovered over two dozen garments belonging to the victim. During the interview, Kutbach confessed to entering the victim's home numerous times and taking the victim's undergarments due to a longtime attraction to the victim.

Kutbach was arrested for residential burglary and booked at the Ventura County Main Jail. His bail was set at \$100,000.00.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Gene Torres**News Release Date:** 3/22/16**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Javier Chavez  
(805) 524-2233

**Approved by:**

Captain Dave Wareham

**City of Moorpark Gets New Chief of Police**

3/24/2016 2:34:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** New Chief of Police in the City of Moorpark

**Location:** City of Moorpark, California 93021

**Date & Time:** March 24, 2016

**Narrative:**

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**Deputy Preparing Media** Sheriff Geoff Dean

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**Deputy Preparing Media** Sheriff Geoff Dean

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**Traffic Collision Fatality**

3/27/2016 10:08:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Traffic Collision Fatality

**Report Number:** 16-45869

**Location:** Arneill Road at Rocklyn Street, Camarillo, CA 93010

**Date & Time:** March, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10:08 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Male Adult pedestrian	Camarillo	46
(P) Carol Paul	Camarillo	67

**Narrative:**

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at approximately 10:08 PM, the Camarillo Police Department responded to Arneill Road at Rocklyn Street for a traffic collision.

(P) Carol Paul was driving her vehicle northbound in the #1 lane of Arneill Road approaching the Rocklyn St. intersection. The adult male pedestrian was walking east on Rocklyn Street in the marked crosswalk at the Arneill Road intersection. The front of Paul's vehicle collided with the male adult pedestrian. The male adult pedestrian sustained fatal injuries from the collision. The pedestrian's identity is pending notification of the next of kin.

The collision is still under investigation by the Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Camarillo Police Department at (805)-388-5100.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** 3/28/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Sean Britt #3572 ' 805-388-5132

[william.britt@ventura.org](mailto:william.britt@ventura.org)

**Approved by:**

Commander Monica McGrath

**Attempted Murder Conviction - 36 years to life sentence**

3/28/2016 8:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempted Murder Conviction - 36 years to life sentence

**Report Number:** 15-3713

**Location:** Pre-Trial Detention Facility ' Ventura, California

**Date & Time:** February 17, 2015 at 0830 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes & Pre-Trial Detention Facility Classification Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

Anthony Aaron Baty

**City of Residence**

Ventura

**Narrative:**

On February 6, 2015, Anthony Baty was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility, by Ventura Police Department for assault with a deadly weapon charge.

On February 17, 2015, an inmate assault occurred at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura, California. During the assault, inmate Anthony Baty attacked another inmate with a fabricated cutting instrument causing a large laceration to the neck and facial region of the victim. The victim was transported to an area hospital with life threatening injuries.

Sheriff's Major Crimes and the Pre-Trial Detention Facility Classification Unit investigated the assault. Based on the facts surrounding the incident, Baty was arrested and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed attempted murder charges against Baty.

On March 22, 2016, Baty's court proceedings were completed, when he was sentenced to 36 years to life in prison for the crimes he committed while in custody at Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility along with his initial charge filed by Ventura Police Department.

Due to recent legislation changes at the state level and prison realignment, the Ventura County Jails are experiencing a large increase in the amount of violence and the number of crimes that occur in the jails. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office works diligently to ensure the safety and security of the jails and the

safety of inmates. In incidents where crimes do occur in the county jails, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office will exhaust all resources to hold those responsible for victimizing other inmates accountable.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Weston Price - Classification Unit

**News Release Date:** March 28, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Michael Marco, 805-797-7089  
[Michael.marco@ventura.org](mailto:Michael.marco@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith / Major Crimes Bureau

**Kidnap / Attempt Rape Arrest**

3/28/2016 5:20:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Kidnap / Attempt Rape Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-46273

**Location:** City of Moorpark

**Date & Time:** March 28, 2016 @ 5:20 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Patrol and Volunteers In Policing Unit, East County Investigation Sexual Assault Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Female, Juvenile	Moorpark, Ca	16
(S) Glass, Reggie Marquis	San Francisco, Ca	22

**Narrative:**

Over the course of the last couple years, the victim had been involved in several on-line relationships using social media as a meeting point. On the evening of March 28, 2016, the victim made arrangements to meet a friend she had been chatting with on social media. Since this was the first meeting, the victim arranged to meet Reggie Glass at a public park in the City of Moorpark. While the victim was waiting for her 'friend' to arrive, (S) Glass approached her wearing a beanie pulled down near his eyes and had also covered the rest of his face. Glass forced the victim back into her vehicle and told the victim he was going to sexually assault her.

The victim struggled with Glass and yelled for help while attempting to leave her car. A concerned citizen saw the victim struggling with Glass and approached the victim's car. Glass saw the witness and got out of the car and started walking away. The victim flagged down Moorpark Police Department Volunteers in Policing (VIP) Unit that happened to be patrolling the area. The victim described what had just happened to the VIP's who in turn requested patrol deputies to respond. While waiting for the patrol deputies to arrive, the VIP's watched Glass as he walked away from the area and directed the responding deputies to his location. Glass saw the deputies and fled the scene. Deputies gave chase, caught and arrested Glass a few blocks away.

After a thorough investigation, Glass was arrested for 209 PC ' Kidnap With Intent to Rape, 664/261 PC ' Attempt Rape, 236 PC ' False Imprisonment, and 148(a)(1) PC ' Resisting arrest. Glass was booked into the East County Sheriff's Station jail on \$250,000 bail. He is scheduled for arraignment in Ventura County Superior Court on March 30, 2016 at 1:30 PM.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Moorpark Police Department would like to remind parents to be vigilant and monitor their children's / teen's social media accounts. Children put themselves at great risk by communicating online with individuals they do not know. Internet predators intentionally access sites that children visit and can search for potential victims by location or interest. If a predator is already communicating with a child, he or she can piece together clues from what the child mentions while online, including parents' names, where the child goes to school, and how far away the child lives from a certain landmark, store, or other location. Online grooming is a process which can take place in a short time or over an extended period of time. Initial conversations online can appear innocent, but often involve some level of deception. As the predator (usually an adult) attempts to establish a relationship to gain a child's trust.

"Predators are hiding behind the anonymity of the Internet to target kids, to entice kids online to try to persuade them to meet them in the physical world." 'Ernie Allen, President & CEO, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children'

Some of the more common social media sites include the following: Facebook, Kik, Instagram, Skype, ooVoo, and Chatango. Please help us keep your children / teenagers safe by monitoring their media activity.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dan Hawes

**News Release Date:** March 29, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian (805) 797-6322

**Approved by:**

Captain John Reilly

**Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter**

3/29/2016 8:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter

**Report Number:** 160006637 (Oxnard Police Department)  
160011536 (Ventura County Sheriff's Office)

**Location:** 400 block Baja Court, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** March 29, 2016 8:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
Oxnard Police Department  
Camarillo Police Department  
Ventura County Narcotics Task Force-West County Street Team

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Floyd Johnson	Camarillo	42
(D) Darren Solis	Oxnard	43

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, 1/21/16, officers from the Oxnard Police Department responded to a business in the 1600 block of West Gonzales Road in the City of Oxnard to check the well-being of a person in the bathroom. When officers arrived, they found the person unresponsive. Officers began life saving measures and were later relieved by emergency medical personnel. The victim was later pronounced dead at the scene. Officers learned the decedent's name was Darren Solis. Evidence recovered at the scene indicated Solis possibly died from a heroin overdose. An investigator from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force responded to the scene. Investigators identified a probable source of Solis' heroin as Camarillo resident Floyd Johnson.

On March 29, 2016, the West County Street Team concluded its investigation into Solis' death with the presentation of the case to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office who filed a criminal complaint

charging Johnson with manslaughter and sales of heroin with an enhancement of causing great bodily injury. An arrest warrant was issued for Floyd Johnson. He was located later the same day in the City of Camarillo and arrested.

Johnson was booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail. His bail was set at \$50,000 and his court date is pending.

The Ventura County West County Street Team is made up of detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department. These detectives work cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Detective James Langford ' Oxnard Police Department

**Media Release Date:** March 31, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford  
805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

**Injury Traffic Accident (Hit & Run)**

3/29/2016 7:46:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Injury Traffic Accident (Hit &Run)**Report Number:** RB #16-46803**Location:** Ojai Avenue and Fox Street  
Ojai, CA**Date & Time:** 03/29/2016 @ 7:46 PM**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**

(S) Unknown

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

Unknown

**Narrative:**

On 03/29/2016, at approximately 7:46 PM hours, a 72-year old female pedestrian and her husband were walking south in the designated crosswalk at Ojai Avenue and Fox Street. The driver of a vehicle failed to stop for the pedestrians and struck the female party. The driver subsequently fled the scene in the vehicle. The female pedestrian suffered serious injuries and was transported to the local hospital.

The collision is still under investigation by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office/Ojai Detectives. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or is aware of anyone that might have been involved in the collision is asked to contact the Ojai Police Department at (805) 646-1414 or e-mail Detective Hollowell at [william.hollowell@ventura.org](mailto:william.hollowell@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell**News Release Date:** 04/08/2016**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

**Criminal Threats Arrest**

3/30/2016 1:45:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Criminal Threats Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-47170  
**Location:** 703 El Paseo Rd, Ojai, Ca 93023  
**Date & Time:** 03/30/16 @ 1:45 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Police Department's Patrol and Investigations Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Juvenile	Oak View	14

**Narrative:**

On 3-30-16, deputies from the Ojai Police Department responded to a call of threats at the Matilija Junior High School located in the City of Ojai. Deputies were informed a student made threats to harm individuals at the school. An immediate investigation into the threats was initiated by the Ojai Investigation Unit. The student was shortly located and arrested without incident. A search of the student's home was conducted and no firearms were located. The investigation is still on-going, but the Ojai Police Department is confident there is no longer a safety issue at the school.

The juvenile was booked at the Juvenile Justice Center for one count of California Penal Code Section 422, Criminal Threats.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Mike Ferguson  
**News Release Date:** 03/31/2016  
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[William.Hollowell@ventura.org](mailto:William.Hollowell@ventura.org)  
**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

## Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign

3/31/2016 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign

**Location:** Cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Moorpark

**Date & Time:** April 7, 2016, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
April 20, 2016, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Moorpark Police Departments

### **THE VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JOINS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO END DISTRACTED DRIVING**

Distracted driving continues to be a problem, especially as the use of Smartphones increase. Although such crashes are often difficult to prove, California had at least 84 fatal distracted driving collisions in 2013, 85 in 2014 and 67 in 2015, with the actual number of cases likely higher. The number of injury collisions for the same three-year period shows an increase: 10,078 in 2013; 10,463 in 2014, and 11,023 in 2015. NHTSA data for 2014 show nationwide, 3,179 people died in distracted driving collisions, which is 10 per cent of all crash fatalities. An additional 431,000 people, or 18 per cent, were injured in motor vehicle collisions involving distracted drivers.

'As we rely on our cell phones more and more in our everyday lives, we seem to be kidding ourselves in thinking that they don't affect our driving,' said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. 'Crashes are up. The scientific evidence is solid. The dangers are real, and they apply to all of us. We need to silence the distractions.'

The Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Moorpark Police Departments will join statewide enforcement campaigns on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 'zero tolerance days,' when all agencies will be especially vigilant for distracted drivers. Although the purpose of the campaign is not to write as many citations as possible, sometimes citations are necessary for drivers to understand the importance of focusing on their driving.

Distracted driving is such an important safety issue that April is recognized as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. In California, Police, Sheriff and CHP officials are joining the Office of Traffic Safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), as well as law enforcement throughout the country, working together to focus on education as well as enforcement.

The problem of distracted driving is significant, and no surprise to drivers day in and day out. The Department Of Transportation notes that at any given moment, during daylight hours, more than 660,000 vehicles are being driven by someone

using a hand-held cellphone.

NHTSA will conduct a television campaign in April with the message 'U Drive. U Text. U Pay.' OTS will produce public service announcements and conduct a social media campaign urging drivers to 'Silence the Distraction.'

**WHAT IS DISTRACTED DRIVING'**

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cellphone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

But, because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

The California Office of Traffic Safety, Police, Sheriff and the CHP reminds everyone that best way to end distracted driving is to educate all Americans about the danger it poses.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Release Date:** March 31, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

**Investing in Moorpark's Youth**

3/31/2016 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Investing in Moorpark's Youth**Report Number:****Location:** McDonalds Restaurant, 501 Los Angeles Ave, Moorpark, CA, 93021**Date & Time:** April 4, 2016 from 5 PM to 7 PM**Unit(s) Responsible:** The Ventura County Sheriff's / Moorpark Police Department Explorer Post #2912**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office / Moorpark Police Department and McDonalds are hosting a fundraiser for the Moorpark Explorer Post. The Moorpark Explorer Post is a volunteer organization associated with The Boy Scouts of America that provides opportunities for male and female youth between the ages of 14 and 21 years of age to serve their communities while learning valuable life lessons. The Moorpark McDonalds, located on the corner of LA Avenue and Spring Road, has graciously agreed to donate 20% of its sales of those who provide the attached flyer. This offer is for dine-in-only patrons.

Although this program is a voluntary organization, there are costs associated with participation. One hundred percent of your contributions will be used to enhance the program, while ensure that anyone who wants to participate is afforded the opportunity. The funds generated will be used to provide opportunities for participation in competitive events, supplement purchasing of equipment and uniforms, and support the Post during operations.

The Goals and Objectives of Explorer programs are to teach youth about the functions of law enforcement, build self-confidence, develop maturity, develop leadership qualities, while teach explorers how to handle emergencies and about the community and public relations.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Explorer program is encouraged to participate in this fundraiser where they will have the opportunity to meet and speak to current Explorers and their Law Enforcement Advisors or contact one of the Moorpark Police Department Explorer Advisors through Valerie

Zavala at the Moorpark Police Department (805) 532-2700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dean Cook

**News Release Date:** March 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Borja  
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[marcos.borja@ventura.org](mailto:marcos.borja@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

**Arrests Made in Recent School Burglaries**

4/4/2016 10:33:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** School Related Burglars Arrested / Crime Spree Ended

**Report Number:** 16-47497

**Location:** Mesa Verde Middle School, 14000 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark, CA

**Date & Time:** 3/31/2016 @ 2:40AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol & Investigations, Camarillo Investigations & Special Enforcement Unit, Thousand Oaks Investigations, Sheriff Special Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S-1) Karinna Cortez	Oxnard	19
(S-2) Cory Fletcher	Oxnard	44

**Narrative:**

On 3/31/2016, at about 2:40AM, Moorpark patrol deputies responded to Mesa Verde Middle School reference an alarm call. Upon arrival, deputies saw Karinna Cortez running from the school. She was detained and subsequently arrested for Commercial Burglary. Further investigation revealed Cortez and possibly two additional suspects broke into the school and stole property. Over 100 iPad tablets were moved and staged in a place ready to be stolen from the school. Additional stolen property was found in Cortez' possession.

Investigators from the Moorpark Police Department and the Ventura Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit identified Cory Fletcher as another suspect in the burglary. Based on prior school related burglaries in the cities of Camarillo and Thousand Oaks, investigative units from the Camarillo Police Department and Thousand Oaks Police Department served search warrants in the 300 block of Riverpark Boulevard in Oxnard, and the 9000 block of Desoto Avenue in Chatsworth. Investigators located over 150 iPad tablets, several laptop and desktop computers, stolen checks, and other electronic equipment determined to be stolen from school burglaries and residential burglaries in Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and Los Angeles. Fletcher was arrested for Commercial Burglary at his address on Riverpark Boulevard.

Investigators are in the process of contacting victims and searching for additional information reference these burglaries. Fletcher is the owner of Dynamic Technologies, a computer repair and service company, based in Westlake Village, CA. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office urges anyone having business dealings with Fletcher or Dynamic Technologies, whom may be a victim of a theft related crime, to contact

Detective Ken Truitt at the Moorpark Police Department. Photographs of some of the stolen property have been attached to this News Story.

**Prepared by:** Detective Ken Truitt  
Moorpark Police Investigations  
805-532-2714

**News Release Date:** 4/4/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian (805) 797-6322  
Sgt. John Franchi (805) 947-9363

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

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**Academy Class 2015-2 Set to Graduate April 8th**

4/5/2016 3:35:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Academy Class 2015-2 Graduation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.

**Date & Time:** Friday, April 8, 2016 / 1:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center

**Narrative:**

Sheriff Geoff Dean is pleased to announce the graduation of the Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center's Academy Class #2015-2. The graduation ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2016, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.

The recruits have completed 24 weeks of instruction provided through the combined efforts of local law enforcement agencies, the Ventura County Community College District and other criminal justice entities. The intense training and education prepares these recruits for the responsibilities of serving their communities as peace officers.

Please see below for the names of the graduating recruits and their respective agencies.

**ACADEMY ROSTER**

**Basic Academy Class #2015-2**

**Graduating Recruits**

**SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Joshua Alvarez

Sonja Marie Crawford

Eric Davis

Tyler Christian Thompson

**SIMI VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Jeffrey Douglas Engen

Travis Charles White

**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Jason Richard Abboud

Marquis Garibay

Jake Hain

Cole Swaffar

Daniel Michael Wolverton

**VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Adam Antonino Armstrong

Ethan Charles Battle  
Jeffrey Donald Bryant  
Jeffrey Michael Collins  
Robert James Coombe  
Bryan Keith Glasscock  
Jessica Greta Glaubke  
John Blake Grunhold  
Richard Hermann  
Michael Ledesma  
Noe Magana  
Keleigh Marquez  
Nicholas Joseph Palomino  
Daniel Martin Proietty  
Christopher Michael Riggs  
Jordan Kliatchko Rojas  
Heather Amanda Sanders  
Clifford Joel Schwankl  
Joshua Anthony Vidal  
Eric Wiatt

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant Cecil Valenti

**Media Release Date:**

April 5, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:**

Captain Dave Murray (805) 383-4744

**Approved by:**

Captain Dave Murray

###

**Thousand Oaks - Accidental Explosion Results in Death**

4/5/2016 2:41:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Accidental Explosion Resulting in Death

**Report Number:** RB #16-49933

**Location:** 612 Camino Manzanas (Madrona Elementary School), Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** April 4, 2016, 7:43 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit, Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Thousand Oaks  
Patrol Services, Thousand Oaks Investigations

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(D) Adult Male	Thousand Oaks	18
(V) Juvenile Male	Thousand Oaks	17

**Narrative:**

On April 4, 2016, at about 7:43 p.m., deputies assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to assist the Ventura County Fire Department with an explosion that was heard at Madrona Elementary School. When deputies arrived they discovered two teenagers had been injured and required immediate medical attention. Both teenagers were transported to Los Robles Hospital where they were treated for their injuries. Tragically, the 18-year-old victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The 17-year-old was listed in stable condition and is expected to survive.

Investigators from various Sheriff's Office Units responded to investigate the incident. The investigation revealed the teenagers had created a homemade model rocket. The model rocket was attached to a skateboard in an effort to propel the skateboard forward. Tragically, the homemade model rocket exploded injuring both teenagers.

As a precaution, deputies searched Madrona Elementary School, but found nothing suspicious and the

campus was deemed safe. At this point in the investigation it appears to be an accident and no malicious activity is suspected.

The Conejo Valley Unified School District closed Madrona Elementary School on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The school will be open to students on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with counseling professionals on site to address the needs of students, staff, and parents.

**Prepared by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

**Media Release Date:** April 5, 2016

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Detective Tim Lohan, (805) 947-8255  
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**Approved by:** Commander Tim Hagel

**2016 Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year - Jeremy Kieffer**

4/8/2016 12:35:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** 911 Dispatcher to Receive Award

**Report Number:** Non-applicable

**Location:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office Communications Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave.,  
Ventura, California

**Date & Time:** April 17, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Communications Center

**Narrative:**

Ventura County Sheriff's Technical Communications Specialist Jeremy Kieffer has been selected as the 2016 Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year. He will be honored at the annual Dispatcher Awards Banquet at California State University, Channel Islands on April 17, 2016. Jeremy was selected by his peers and supervisors to receive this award, which is presented to the outstanding dispatcher for their exemplary work and contributions to public safety and the residents of Ventura County.

Jeremy has been a dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office since January, 2008. During his time with the Sheriff's Office, Jeremy has become an accomplished dispatcher and has established himself as a consummate team player. In addition to his challenging primary assignment, Jeremy trains newly hired dispatchers and is a key member on one of the communications center's technical teams.

Sheriff dispatchers answer, assess, and refer 9-1-1 calls and business calls that come into the Sheriff's Office. They are responsible for dispatching and coordinating patrol response to calls for service and at times, responsible for up to 70 patrol deputies in the field. Dispatchers are among the first responders to emergency incidents and are expected to remain calm, professional, and proficient at all times. Jeremy's peers can attest that he executes all of the above attributes while answering 9-1-1 and business calls or dispatching deputies on the radio. He is an extremely reliable employee with a powerful work ethic.

Congratulations to Jeremy Kieffer for being selected as the Ventura County Sheriff's Office's 2016 Dispatcher of the Year.

**Prepared by:** Erin Brockus, Assistant Communications Manager

**Media Release Date:** April 8, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Erin Brockus, Assistant Communications Manager,  
805-654-5158

**Approved by:** Captain Luis Obregon, Communications Manager

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**Camarillo Police Start Smart Program Begins May 6th**

4/8/2016 12:01:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart Program

**Location:** Camarillo Police Station Community Room

**Date & Time:** Friday, May 6th, 2016, 5:30 p.m. ' 8:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future drivers. This program will take place on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 5:30PM until 8:30PM at the Camarillo Police Station Community Room.

The 'Start Smart' Program is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Camarillo Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents/guardians.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, Start Smart is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions.

Interested parents are asked to contact Deputy Ben Lopez at (805) 388-5122 for more information. For reservations, call the Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit at **(805) 388-5155**. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents/guardians. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Ben Lopez

**News Release Date:** Monday, April 4, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt (805) 388-5132

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 10-16th**

4/8/2016 12:04:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

**Report Number:** Non-applicable

**Location:** Ventura County Sheriff's Communications Center

**Date & Time:** April 10 ' April 16, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Communications Center

**Narrative:**

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 10 ' 16, 2016, and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office is honoring the public safety dispatchers who serve as the lifeline between people in need and vital law enforcement services. These public safety dispatchers have dedicated their careers to providing superior service to people who have a need for law enforcement assistance. In many cases, the dispatcher can make the difference between life and death.

Each year, the public safety dispatchers and supervisors at the Ventura County Sheriff's Office handle more than 360,000 telephone calls, including 105,000 9-1-1 calls. Every day, hundreds of people depend on the skill, expertise and commitment of the dispatchers who work in public safety communications. These team members help save countless lives by handling emergency telephone calls, dispatching law enforcement resources, and providing moral support to people in distress.

Public safety dispatchers must undergo a rigorous testing and background process before being hired. After they have been hired, new dispatchers must attend the three-week Basic Dispatcher Course that is certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Typically, their training also includes four additional weeks of classroom training and between 6 ' 12 months of on-the-job training before the new dispatcher is allowed to work independently. Even then, approximately 50% of the dispatchers hired are not able to successfully complete the training program due to the unique demands and stress of the job.

Within the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, we are celebrating the valuable contributions that our public safety dispatchers make on a daily basis. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented and dedicated professionals who work so hard to serve the public and our deputies. Please join us in thanking them for doing such an excellent job at fulfilling a critical role in public safety.

**Prepared by:** Erin M. Brockus, Assistant Communications Manager

**News Release Date:** April 8, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Erin M. Brockus, Assistant Communications Manager  
(805) 654-5158

**Approved by:** Captain Luis Obregon, Communications Manager

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**Traffic Collision Fatality**

4/10/2016 9:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Traffic Collision Fatality

**Report Number:** 16-53124

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** April 10, 2016, 9:30 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(D) Male Adult	Simi Valley	27

On April 10, 2016, at about 9:30 pm, the Thousand Oaks Police Department, American Medical Response, and the Ventura County Fire Protection District responded to Olsen Road south of Erbes Road in reference to an injury traffic collision.

A Honda sedan was traveling northbound on Olsen Road approaching Erbes Road when it left the roadway, traveled up onto the center median, struck a tree and stopped. The Honda contained a single occupant and no other vehicles were involved. The driver of the Honda was transported to Los Robles Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. His identity is pending notification of the next of kin.

The collision is still under investigation by the Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or is aware of anyone that might have been involved in the collision, is asked to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department at (805) 494-8271.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** April 11, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Mike Berg

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**Approved by:**

Captain James Fryhoff

**Ojai Investigators Seek Information in Hit & Run**

4/11/2016 6:19:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Injury Traffic Accident (Hit &Run)

**Report Number:** RB #16-46803

**Location:** Ojai Avenue and Fox Street  
Ojai, CA

**Date & Time:** 03/29/2016 @ 7:46 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**

(S) Unknown

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

Unknown

**Narrative:**

On 03/29/2016, at approximately 7:46 PM hours, a 72-year old female pedestrian and her husband were walking south in the designated crosswalk at Ojai Avenue and Fox Street. The driver of a vehicle failed to stop for the pedestrians and struck the female party. The driver subsequently fled the scene in the vehicle. The female pedestrian suffered serious injuries and was transported to the local hospital.

The collision is still under investigation by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office/Ojai Detectives. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or is aware of anyone that might have been involved in the collision is asked to contact the Ojai Police Department at (805) 646-1414 or e-mail Detective Hollowell at [william.hollowell@ventura.org](mailto:william.hollowell@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 04/08/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-646-1414

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

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**Attempt Robbery / Shots Fired**

4/12/2016 1:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempt Robbery / Shots Fired

**Report Number:** 16-54008

**Location:** 2000 block of East Avenida De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** April 12, 2016 @ 1:15 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Patrol, Sheriff's Major Crimes' Bureau, Thousand Oaks Investigation Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Unknown		
(V) Albert's Jewelry Store		

**Narrative:**

On April 12, 2016, at about 1:15 pm, deputies responded to a call of a 'Shots Fired' in the Oak Brook Shopping Plaza. When deputies arrived, they learned that an attempted robbery had occurred at Albert's Jewelry Store. The suspect(s) fled the scene prior to the arrival of the deputies.

The investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) entered the store and an exchange of gunfire occurred with a store employee inside the store. The exchange may have resulted in an injury to the suspect.

Investigators are actively working on obtaining details of what happened inside the store. No customers were inside the store at the time and none of the employees were injured during the incident. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) fled the scene in a newer model dark color luxury vehicle, possibly a Jaguar.

Out of an abundance of caution, Los Cerritos Middle School was briefly placed in lockdown while the neighborhood near the incident was searched.

**Prepared by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

**News Release Date:** April 13, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian, (805) 797-6322

**Approved by:** Captain Todd Inglis

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**Moorpark Police Plan DUI /Driver's License Checkpoint For April 16th**

4/12/2016 7:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** City of Moorpark

**Date & Time:** April 16, 2016 9:00PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Traffic Bureau

## **DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Moorpark, CA ' The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint on April 16, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years, the Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit has investigated 19 DUI collisions which have claimed no lives but resulted in 25 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4

percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Moorpark Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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<b><u>Prepared by:</u></b>	Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko #2979
<b><u>News Release Date:</u></b>	April 12, 2016
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<b><u>Approved by:</u></b>	Captain John Reilly, Chief of Police.

**Suspects Identified in Oakview Residential Burglary**

4/12/2016 7:32:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary Arrests

**Report Number:** RB#16-37228

**Location:** 400 block of Old Grade Road, Oakview, CA

**Date & Time:** 3/8/2016 @ 4pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

**City of Residence**

Quintero, Jose

Oakview

Juvenile #1

Oakview

Juvenile #2

Ojai

Juvenile #3

Ojai

Juvenile #4

Ojai

Juvenile #5

Ojai

**Narrative:**

*On 3/11/16, at about 5:30 pm, a victim contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to report a residential burglary that occurred between 3/6/2016 and 3/11/2016 at the victim's residence in the 400 block of Old Grade Road, Oakview. The victim reported that it was the second time in 30 days a burglary occurred at the residence, but the first incident was not reported. During the most recent incident, the suspects broke a window to access the residence.*

Over the next several weeks, Ojai detectives conducted an investigation that led to the identity of six suspects; five juvenile males and 18-year old Jose Quintero. Detectives were able to recover the stolen property and obtain admissions from all suspects. All of the suspects were arrested and charged with Penal Code 459 ' Residential Burglary. Juvenile #1 (age 17), who was involved in both burglaries and responsible for their coordination, was booked into Juvenile Hall on two counts of PC 459 and is being held without bail. Quintero was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail and his bail was set at \$50,000.00

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 4/12/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-646-1414 /  
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**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

## Moorpark Police Department to Utilize "Nextdoor" Neighborhood Watch

4/14/2016 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Moorpark Police Department to Utilize 'Nextdoor' Neighborhood Watch

**Location:** City of Moorpark

**Date & Time:** April 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Beat Coordinator

### **Narrative:**

In an effort to facilitate a virtual Neighborhood Watch program and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications, the Moorpark Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor ([www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)), the first private social network for neighborhoods.

Nextdoor is free for residents and for the City. Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Moorpark residents can use Nextdoor to get to know their neighbors, ask questions, and exchange local advice and recommendations. Neighbors who use Nextdoor share information about neighborhood watch and safety issues, local events, school activities, plumber and babysitter recommendations, upcoming garage sales, lost pets, and much more.

Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address. The Moorpark Police Department will be able to post important information, such as crimes occurring in a specific neighborhood within the city. The Police Department **will not** be able to access communications between neighbors or other private content. In today's society, it is vital for neighbors to come together and look out for one another. Nextdoor will make it easy for neighbors to establish a virtual neighborhood watch and help combat crime and foster positive interactions with neighbors and the police.

The Moorpark Police Department uses several social media tools to communicate critical information to the community. Nixle, Twitter and VC Alert are our primary tools used to disseminate information. Nextdoor will serve as an additional social media outreach to the residents of Moorpark.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. All members must verify they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on Google or other search engines.

If you are interested in joining Nextdoor, visit their website at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and enter your home address. If Nextdoor is already launched in your area, you can immediately sign up. If your neighborhood has not yet been established, set up your neighborhood and encourage neighbors join.

If you have questions about the Nextdoor program or how to get started, please contact Danielle Styskal with Nextdoor at 415-399-7992 or [danielle@nextdoor.com](mailto:danielle@nextdoor.com). For Moorpark Police Department Neighborhood Watch questions, please contact Senior Deputy Becky Purnell at (805) 299-1504 or [rebecca.purnell@ventura.org](mailto:rebecca.purnell@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Becky Purnell

**News Release Date:** April 14, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Becky Purnell  
(805) 299-1504

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

***Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

**Ojai Detectives Attempt to Identify Burglary Suspects**

4/14/2016 7:38:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vehicle burglary / Attempt to Identify

**Report Number:** RB#16-30319

**Location:** Casitas Vista Road at Highway33

**Date & Time:** 02/27/16 @ 1250 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

On 2/27/2016, at about 12:50 pm, a victim contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to report a vehicle burglary that occurred between 10:30 am and 12:50 pm. The victim's vehicle was broken into and her purse was stolen while it was parked under Highway 33 on Casitas Vista Road.

The two suspects were captured on video using the victim's credit cards at two different stores in the Oxnard area. We are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the individuals. To view the suspect photos, please go to our Facebook Page ' Ventura County Sheriff's Office-Official Page or Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 04/14/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-947-8075

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

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**###**

**Narcotics Investigators Arrest Three Following Lengthy Investigation**

4/15/2016 3:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Arrests

**Report Number:** 15-2047763

**Location:** 11000 Block of N. Ventura Avenue, Mira Monte  
400 Block of Bryant Circle, Ojai  
165 Oaklawn Avenue, Ojai

**Date & Time:** April 14, 2016 11:00 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotics Task Force, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Oxnard Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, California Franchise Tax Board

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Jeffrey Kroll	Mira Monte	65
(S) Robert Hoffman	Ojai	62
(S) William Macneil	Ojai	62

**Narrative:**

On April 14, 2016 narcotic investigators arrested Jeffrey Kroll, Robert Hoffman and William Macneil for multiple felony charges related to their involvement in an illegal marijuana collective. The charges include money laundering, tax evasion, filing false tax returns, illegally cultivating marijuana, illegal marijuana sales, operating a collective within 600 feet of a school, and illegally manufacturing concentrated cannabis.

In November 1996, California voters passed Proposition 215, which decriminalized the cultivation and use of marijuana by seriously ill individuals upon a physician's recommendation. Proposition 215 was enacted to 'ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician who has determined that the person's health would benefit from the use of marijuana.' Proposition 215 was also enacted to 'ensure that patients and their primary caregivers who obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes upon the recommendation of a

physician are not subject to criminal prosecutions or sanction.'

In January 2004, Senate Bill 420 became law and required the California Department of Health to establish and maintain a program for the voluntary registration of qualified medical marijuana patients and their primary caregivers through the use of a statewide identification card system. This was intended to help law enforcement officers identify and verify that cardholders are able to cultivate, possess, and transport certain amounts of marijuana without being subject to arrest under specific conditions.

In August 2008, the California Attorney General established guidelines for the security and non-diversion of marijuana grown for medical use. These guidelines provided the citizens of California a summary of applicable laws and provisions. They also provided definitions for terms used in the laws, guidelines regarding individual qualified patients and primary caregivers, guidelines for marijuana collectives and cooperatives, and enforcement guidelines for law enforcement.

This investigation began in September 2015 with the Sheriff's Office investigating several outdoor marijuana grow operations on Ocean View Road off of SR 150 west of Ojai. It was determined the marijuana grows at two of the locations were being grown for the 'Shangri La Care Cooperative'. Detectives began interviewing people at the grow sites and reviewing evidence at the locations to determine if they were operating within state law (Proposition 215, Senate Bill 420 and the California Attorney General Guidelines).

Detectives determined the marijuana being grown at the two locations was for the 'Shangri La Care Cooperative' and was in violation of the law. Detectives removed the marijuana plants and marijuana products from the two locations. No arrests were made during the service of the initial search warrant pending further investigation.

Detectives determined Jeffrey Kroll was the founder, owner and treasurer of the Shangri La Care Cooperative. Robert Hoffman was determined to be the co-director and William Macneil was the delivery driver for the collective.

In October 2015, search warrants were served at Kroll's residence and the Shangri La Care Cooperative office in Ojai. Detectives located a marijuana dispensary set up at Kroll's residence with a large amount of marijuana, concentrated cannabis, marijuana products from other marijuana collectives, marijuana suppositories, marijuana 'keif' pills, and various other marijuana products. Detectives also determined Kroll was manufacturing concentrated cannabis with the use of ethyl alcohol. The manufacturing of concentrated cannabis with the use of ethyl alcohol is extremely dangerous and illegal because of the associated dangers and risk of explosion. The

dispensary and manufacturing of concentrated cannabis was located within 400 feet of an elementary school.

Detectives began reviewing thousands of pages of evidence and interviewing members and associates of the Shangri La Care Cooperative to determine the extent the organization was operating illegally.

In December 2015, detectives learned Kroll and the Shangri La Care Cooperative were still operating in violation of state law. Additional search warrants were served and additional evidence of the illegal operation and other participants of the operation were identified. Detectives located additional marijuana products and evidence that revealed Kroll was still involved in the manufacturing and sales of marijuana products. The Shangri La Care Cooperative, under Kroll's direction, was found to be operating in numerous cities within the Counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara. Detectives contacted officials from those jurisdictions and determined neither Shangri La Care Cooperative nor Kroll had permits to operate or conduct business in any of the jurisdictions.

Detectives served search warrants on multiple financial institutions utilized by Shangri La Care Cooperative, Kroll, JDK Enterprises (Kroll's private business) and See Noah's Ark (Kroll's nonprofit animal rescue). An audit of the accounts by the Franchise Tax Board determined Shangri La Care Cooperative, See Noah's Ark, JDK Enterprises, and Kroll committed tax fraud and tax evasion. A forensic analysis of Shangri La Care Cooperative's finances, under Kroll's control, showed he was laundering money from the Shangri La Care Cooperative.

Kroll and the Shangri La Care Cooperative diverted marijuana based products from other marijuana collectives and sold the marijuana based products, suppositories and edibles from his garage. The marijuana based products were mislabeled, misbranded, adulterated, and not registered or licensed with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These products were being manufactured, stored and dispensed from an unsanitary garage without regard to the health and safety of the Shangri La Care Cooperative's members.

On April 14, 2016, detectives served a search warrant at Kroll's residence in furtherance of this investigation. Detectives found Kroll had an active 'bubbling' concentrated cannabis extraction process occurring in a motorhome on the property. Detectives found evidence ethyl alcohol was the chemical being used in the process. At the time detectives found the extraction process, it was off gassing which is extremely dangerous and explosive. Detectives immediately terminated the process and eliminated the possibility of an explosion. At the time detectives located the active extraction process, children were on the playground at an elementary school within 400 feet of the motorhome. The conditions were unsanitary and the end product, concentrated cannabis, was intended for Shangri La Care Cooperative members who believed their marijuana products were being made legally and in sanitary conditions.

In order for collectives and cooperatives to operate legally, the marijuana products must be shared with members within the collective or cooperative and not be diverted from one collective or cooperative to another. Detectives determined Shangri La Care Cooperative, Kroll, and Hoffman were obtaining marijuana products from outside sources and dispensing the products to Shangri La Care Cooperative members for a profit, which violated the law and increased costs to the members of the collective. Kroll was manufacturing marijuana suppositories, edibles, and capsules in unsanitary conditions and selling the products to unknowing members of the Shangri La Care Cooperative.

Kroll and the Shangri La Care Cooperative operated outside of the laws which were enacted by the citizens of California. These laws were enacted to provide citizens in need of marijuana safe access. Kroll operated the Shangri La Care Cooperative to make a profit for himself, which increased the cost of marijuana products to the members. Additionally, the unsanitary conditions in which the marijuana products were being manufactured, stored, and dispensed jeopardized the health and safety of the members.

The investigation also revealed Kroll's nonprofit 'See Noah's Ark' is closely associated to the Humane Society of Ventura County. Kroll was responsible for taking hundreds of vehicles donated to the Humane Society of Ventura County and selling them. Kroll diverted funds intended for the Humane Society of Ventura County into the See Noah's Ark nonprofit rescue. Kroll then used the See Noah's Ark funds for Shangri La Care Cooperative's and his own personal expenses. Detectives have yet to find any evidence that See Noah's Ark animal rescue funds have been used to support its stated mission of rescuing animals.

Based on the investigation, it appears Kroll misrepresented the See Noah's Ark animal rescue nonprofit for his own personal benefit. It also appears that Kroll and Hoffman misled the members of the Shangri La Care Cooperative, who have trusted and depended on them to operate the collective within the law and ensure they received safely grown and processed marijuana.

Undersheriff Gary Pentis remarked, *'Mr. Kroll exploited the Compassionate Use Act and the laws governing non-profit organizations to deal drugs and commit fraud all for his own power and greed.'*

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** April 14, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Jason Hendren 805-383-8712

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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**DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint**

4/16/2016 9:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint**Report Number:** 16-56619**Location:** City of Moorpark  
Tierra Rejada Road east of Spring Road**Date & Time:** April 16, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Traffic Bureau  
Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Justice, Andrew Scott	Moorpark	38

**Narrative:**

Moorpark, CA ' The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Bureau in conjunction with the Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau, conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on April 16, 2016, on Tierra Rejada Road east of Spring Road between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Drivers License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of Californiadrivers approve of checkpoints.

- 754 Vehicles Screened
- 1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 4 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 7 Citations issued

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all

it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The Moorpark Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday June 18, 2016 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Release Date:** April 17, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko  
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**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments "Coffee with the Chiefs" Community Outreach Program  
4/19/2016 8:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments 'Coffee with the Chiefs' Community Outreach Program

**Location:** Brent's Deli 2799 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, Ca

**Date & Time:** Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 8:30 AM ' 10:30 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service while the Fire Protection District had approximately 12,000 responses. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. Your Fire Protection District has numerous stations throughout your community to enhance their availability to each region. However, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chiefs and on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Fire Chief Ted Smith will be at Brent's Deli 2799 Townsgate Rd. Westlake Village, Ca

What's on your mind' The chiefs want to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the Chiefs has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Hagel and Chief Smith will be present from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** April 19, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

**Nature of Incident:** Simi Valley Physician Appears in Court on Drug Charges

**Report Number:** 15-9601

**Location:** Simi Valley, CA

**Date & Time:** April 20, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Dr. William Matzner	Simi Valley	57

**Narrative:**

Earlier this year, investigators from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit concluded their investigation into Simi Valley Physician William Matzner. The case was related to a lengthy investigation centered on prescription drugs coming from Dr. Matzner's office for reasons other than legitimate medical purposes. The investigation revealed Dr. Matzner's office had become a source of supply for drug seeking and drug dealing patients. The case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office who elected to file two counts of furnishing controlled substances and two counts of unlawfully providing a controlled substance prescription.

On April 20, 2016, William Matzner appeared in Ventura County Superior Court to be arraigned on the above listed charges. His arraignment was continued to May 10, 2016.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Victor Fazio

**News Release Date:** April 20, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Micah Weilbacher  
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(805) 797 6401

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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DUI Warrant Sweep Nets One Arrest  
4/22/2016 8:12:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI Arrest Warrant Operation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** April 22, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Ken Poinsett	Simi Valley	51

**Narrative:**

## **One Suspect with Outstanding DUI Warrants Caught in Thousand Oaks Police Department Sweep**

**Thousand Oaks, CA** ' Some think if they just don't show up for a court hearing, the police won't have the manpower to come find them. If your violation is a DUI, don't count on it. Thousand Oaks Police Department Officers with several outstanding arrest warrants fanned out into neighborhoods in search of high risk DUI offenders today. Officers served a warrant and arrested one offender who violated terms of his probation in an outstanding DUI case.

"The best bet for anyone with a missed DUI court date is to go to court on their own now," said Sergeant Brad Clifton. "If you don't, that warrant isn't going away. We're going to come find you and take you to jail."

Those caught often face additional jail time for failing to appear in court or for violating probation. When family, friends, and co-workers find out, violators can also face personal embarrassment as they are lead away in handcuffs, as well as missing work while sitting in jail.

Special DUI Warrant Service Operations along with regularly scheduled 'High Visibility' DUI enforcement has a deterrent effect on those who disregard driving safety and abuse alcohol and drugs. Thousand Oaks PD places a high priority on lowering deaths and injury with the goal of removing impaired drivers and heightening awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Funding for the operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers; Call 9-1-1!

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** April 22, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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**Ojai Detectives Seek Public's Help Identifying Bicycle Thief**

4/22/2016 1:28:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Bicycle Theft/Request for Public's Assistance

**Report Number:** RB #16-0054015

**Location:** 900 block of East Ojai Avenue

**Date & Time:** 04/12/2016 @ 6:00 am-7:00 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives and Ojai Patrol

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Male	Unknown	18-22 years

**Narrative:**

On 04/12/2016, between the hours of 6:00 am-7:00 am, an unknown suspect stole a bicycle. The bicycle was locked to a secure object at the rear of a restaurant located in the 900 block of East Ojai Avenue. This establishment is equipped with a video surveillance system which captured the suspect stealing the bicycle. The video surveillance footage shows the suspect approaching the locked bicycle and cutting the lock. The suspect then is seen riding away on the victim's bicycle. Photographs of the suspect can be viewed by following this link, <https://local.nixle.com/alert/5629345/>.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, Facebook, Instagram @ VCSHERIFF, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

If you have any information on this crime or have similar events, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 477-7042.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 04/22/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

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***responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

**Sheriff Gang Investigators and Ventura Police Make Significant Narcotic Seizure and Arrest**

4/22/2016 3:32:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics and Firearm Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-47819  
**Location:** 48 W. Ramona Street, Ventura, CA  
**Date & Time:** 04/15/2016 / 7:00 a.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Gang Unit & Ventura Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Adolfo Gonzalez	Ventura	26

**Narrative:**

During the month of April 2016, while conducting directed enforcement near Ventura Avenue in Ventura, the Sheriff's Gang Unit observed several hand to hand narcotics transactions in the 40 block of West Ramona Street. With the assistance from Ventura Police Department Investigators, Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives identified Adolfo Gonzalez as the individual responsible for distributing cocaine from his residence. Subsequently a search warrant was obtained for Adolfo Gonzalez' residence and served on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

During the search, 196 grams of cocaine, 1173 grams (2.53 pounds) of marijuana, 15 mature marijuana plants, a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and ammunition, \$4,300.00 in U.S. currency and evidence of a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) laboratory were seized. Gonzalez was arrested for violations of Health and Safety Code 11351 - Possession for sales of cocaine, 11358 - Cultivating Marijuana, 11379.6(a) - Manufacturing concentrated cannabis, Penal Code sections 29800 - Prohibited person in possession of a firearm, PC 27545 - Unlawful firearm transfer and 30305 - Prohibited person in possession of ammunition. Gonzalez was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and his bail was set at \$250,000.

Butane Honey Oil laboratories are extremely dangerous with a propensity for large explosions. BHO labs have resulted in serious injuries and death along with substantial property damage not just in Ventura County but all over California. If you suspect someone is engaged in a BHO lab immediately contact law enforcement to report the incident.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Jason Christmann  
**News Release Date:** 04/21/16  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Jeff Miller 805-654-2856

**Approved by:**

Captain Patti Salas

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**###**

**Nature of Incident:**            **Adult Mental Health First Aid Course**  
**Location:**                    **Camarillo Police Department Community Meeting Room**

**Date & Time:**                **May17th & 24th, 2016/ 5:30PM ' 9:30PM**

**Unit Responsible:**            **Camarillo Police Department**

**Narrative:**

Learn Mental Health First Aid! It is a two part, 8 hour certified training to help someone developing a mental health problem or at risk of suicide or harm. This innovative program offers concrete tools and answers key questions like "What can I do if someone is in crisis" "How do I approach someone in distress" "What do I say" "How can I help" "Where can someone find help"

You will learn:

- } About common mental health and substance use disorders
- } Warning signs and symptoms of mental health problems
- } Potential risk factors
- } Local resources and supports
- } A five step action plan:
  - ' Assess for risk of suicide or harm
  - ' Listen Non-judgmentally
  - ' Give reassurance and information
  - ' Encourage appropriate professional help
  - ' Encourage self-help and other support strategies

**To register please email Mary Ellen Collins, Certified Trainer:**  
**[mecollins@voice4families.com](mailto:mecollins@voice4families.com) or call (805) 657-4408**

**Made possible through funding from Ventura County Behavioral Health Department**

**Prepared by:** Mark Stadler, CIT Program Administrator

**Media Release Date:** April 22, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** [mark.stadler@ventura.org](mailto:mark.stadler@ventura.org) / 805-388-5107

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

Traffic Collision Near Thousand Oaks Elementary School  
4/25/2016 9:07:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Traffic Collision near Elementary School  
**Report Number:** RB# 16-61460  
**Location:** Avenida De Los Arboles East of Velarde Drive  
**Date & Time:** Monday, April 25, 2016 8:12 AM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(P)arty</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Male Adult	Thousand Oaks	40

**Narrative:**

This morning, at approximately 8:12 AM, a vehicle was traveling eastbound on Avenida De Los Arboles, approaching N. Velarde Drive, when the forty-year-old male driver suffered a medical emergency. As the driver lost control of his vehicle, it struck a curb before sideswiping a vehicle stopped at the stop sign. The vehicle traveled over the southeast curb onto Wildwood Elementary School property, narrowly missing a crossing guard and two pedestrians. The vehicle collided with a large boulder, coming to rest on the front lawn of the school.

Off-duty AMR paramedics were on scene and rendered first aid to the unconscious driver. Two small children in the vehicle were not injured, and they were released to Wildwood School administrators to attend school. The driver was transported to Los Robles Hospital for treatment of his medical condition. He is listed in stable condition.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau would like to thank everyone who contributed their assistance during a very traumatic situation. Due to quick response and reaction, a tragedy was diverted.

This collision is currently under investigation, and anyone who might have witnessed the collision, and was not contacted by police, is asked to contact the Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau at (805) 494-8271.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. B. Payton  
**Media Release Date:** Monday, April 25, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno 805-494-8271  
**Approved by:** Captain Fryhoff

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**###**

**Child Molestation Arrest**

4/26/2016 8:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Child Molestation Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-58247

**Location:** 300 Block Arneill Rd. Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 04/26/16 @ 08:30 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Special Services / Major Crimes / Sexual Assault Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Hahannes Farmanyen	Woodland Hills	69
(V) Juvenile female	Camarillo	15

**Narrative:**

S-Farmanyan worked as an employee at a recycling center behind businesses in the 300 block of Arneill Rd. in Camarillo. During the past 2-3 weeks the 15 year old victim had been playing with friends in the area of the recycling containers and had contact with S-Farmanyan. During these encounters Farmanyan conducted lewd acts with the 15 year old victim.

During the investigation, it was learned S-Farmanyan had frequent contact with other children in the area of the recycling center. Anyone having additional information about S-Farmanyan please contact Det. Rettura.

**Prepared by:** Det. Christine Rettura

**News Release Date:** 4-26-16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Det. Christine Rettura 805 384-4741  
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**Approved by:** Capt. Melissa Smith

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**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint**

4/26/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** April 30, 2016, 9 PM to 3 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

**Narrative:**

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years deputies from the Camarillo Police Department have investigated 158 DUI collisions which claimed 1 life and resulted in another 72 injuries.

Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

The Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Unit with the assistance of the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on April 30, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

Deputies will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with deputies checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do,

don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Camarillo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1.'

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** April 26, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572 ' 805-388-5132,  
william.britt@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

Variety of Narcotics Seized - Arrest Made  
4/26/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Variety of Narcotics Seized ' Arrest Made

**Report Number:** 16-60173

**Location:** 700 Block of Halifax Ln, City of Oxnard  
1600 Block of S. Victoria Avenue, Oxnard

**Date & Time:** April 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, West County Street Team,  
Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Daniel Forhan	Oxnard	37

**Narrative:**

Information about marijuana and cocaine sales led to the arrest of Daniel Forhan for narcotics and firearm related charges.

During this investigation, detectives received information Forhan was selling cocaine and marijuana in the City of Oxnard. Detectives obtained a search warrant for Forhan, his vehicle and his residence.

On April 22, 2016, the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force arrested Forhan for possession of cocaine for sales in the 1600 Block of S. Victoria Avenue in the City of Oxnard. Detectives served a search warrant at Forhan's residence in the 700 Block of Halifax Lane in the City of Oxnard. Narcotics detectives searched Forhan's residence and located over 100 pounds of marijuana, over 5 ounces of cocaine, over 700 hydrocodone pills, almost two ounces of concentrated cannabis, 5 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, a small amount of methamphetamine, and a large sum of U.S. currency concealed inside the residence. The amount of cocaine seized would provide over 1400 doses of cocaine to a user with a street value in excess of \$14,000.00. The street value of the hydrocodone pills is in excess of \$3,500.00 and the street value of the marijuana seized is in excess of \$450,000.00 (based on the gross gram street value).

Forhan was arrested for several charges related to possession of narcotics for sale, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Forhan was booked into the Ventura County Jail and his bail was set at \$250,000.00.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department narcotics detectives working cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** April 26, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Craig Hennes  
805-383-8735

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics / Stolen Property Arrests

**Report Number:** 16-16902 (Oxnard Police Department)

**Location:** 2300 Block of Jardin Drive, Oxnard

**Date & Time:** February 18, 2016 at 5:40 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, West County Street Team, Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Ricardo Moreno	Oxnard	42
(S) Gabriela Magana	Oxnard	23

**Narrative:**

Information on methamphetamine and heroin sales led to the arrest of Ricardo Moreno for narcotics, stolen property and firearm related charges and Gabriela Magana for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

During this investigation, detectives received information Moreno was selling methamphetamine and heroin in the city of Oxnard. Detectives obtained a search warrant for Moreno, his vehicle and his residence.

On February 18, 2016 the Oxnard Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) executed the search warrant at Moreno's residence in the 2300 Block of Jardin Drive. Moreno and Magana were located inside the residence. Moreno was initially arrested for maintaining a place for selling or using controlled substances. Magana was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. Narcotics detectives began a search of the residence and located over a pound of heroin, almost two ounces of cocaine, a loaded stolen firearm, and a large sum of U.S. currency concealed inside the residence. The amount of heroin seized would provide over 5000 doses of heroin to a user with a street value in excess of \$50,000.

Detectives also located thousands of dollars of stolen property inside the residence. Detectives located several flat screen televisions still in the original packaging, several sound entertainment systems, numerous power and air tool sets in original packaging, new in the box yard power tools and equipment, stolen guitars, and stolen industrial rental equipment. Property crimes detectives from the Port Hueneme Police Department, Oxnard Police Department and the Sheriff's Office were summoned to assist with the stolen property investigation. It was determined items were stolen from a residential burglary, several large chain retailer stores and private

businesses. Detectives coordinated the return of 76 pieces of stolen property valued over \$12,000 to the victims.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Moreno was arrested for several charges related to possession of narcotics for sale, maintaining a place for selling or using narcotics, numerous counts of possession of stolen property, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Moreno was booked into the Ventura County Jail on \$250,000.00 bail. Magana was booked into the Oxnard Police Department and posted bail.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department narcotics detectives working cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** February 19, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Jason Hendren  
805-383-8700

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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E-Commerce Safety and Child Exchange Zone Created  
4/27/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** E-Commerce Safety and Child Exchange Zone Created

**Location:** Fillmore Police Station

**Date & Time:** 4/27/2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Police Department

**Narrative:**

The Fillmore Police Department is introducing a program called E-Commerce Safety and Child Exchange Zone. This zone was created to increase safety for parties involved in online business transactions that require physical encounters for exchange of merchandise and families who are in need of a safe place to conduct child custody exchanges.

In 2015, E-commerce sales were estimated at \$341.7 billion, up 14.6 percent from the year before. Transactions that start online such as E-Bay, Craigslist, etc. and require to be completed in person have become more common in recent years and in most times the parties are strangers. In an attempt to reduce the likelihood of citizens falling victim to scams or more serious crime the E-Commerce and Child Exchange Safe Zone was created at the Fillmore Police station.

The Safe Zone is designated by parking signs at the south end of the parking lot and will be under 24 hour video surveillance by the Fillmore Police Department. The Fillmore Police Department hopes to instill a greater feeling of safety for the residents of Fillmore in creating this safe zone for all.

While law enforcement officials will not be involved in verification, monitoring or facilitating the private transactions, this program is designed to provide a known, well lit and secure location to conduct business.

Citizens can request the other person to meet at this E-Commerce Safe Zone, if the other party declines, then chances are it is a sign of 'buyers beware.'

The Fillmore Police Department is not reacting to any one specific incident, but rather we are trying to be pro-active and provide a location where the citizens can feel safe meeting another unknown party to conduct their private business.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Police Department at (805) 524-

2233.

**Prepared by:** Danielle Ramirez

**News Release Date:** 4/27/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Dave Wareham, (805) 524-2233

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

**Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter**

4/27/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Dealer Arrested for Manslaughter

**Report Number:** 15-134539 (Oxnard Police Department)

**Location:** 1000 block Offshore Street, Oxnard  
2000 block Curran Street, Oxnard  
600 Todd Road, Santa Paula (Todd Road Jail)

**Date & Time:** April 27, 2016 10:30 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
Oxnard Police Department  
Ventura County Narcotics Task Force

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Ryan Tepezano	Oxnard	36
(D) Christopher Ariaz	Oxnard	32

**Narrative:**

On 12/15/15, officers from the Oxnard Police Department responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Offshore Street in the City of Oxnard regarding a death investigation. When officers and EMS arrived, they found the person unresponsive. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers learned the decedent's name was Christopher Ariaz. Evidence recovered at the scene indicated Ariaz possibly died from a heroin overdose. An investigator from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force responded to the scene. Investigators identified a probable source of Ariaz' heroin as Oxnard resident Ryan Tepezano.

On January 28, 2016 at about 5:00 a.m., detectives from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force and members of the Oxnard Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) served search warrants at two residences next door to one another in the 2000 block of Curran Street in the City of Oxnard. During the service of the search warrant, Ryan Tepezano was arrested for maintaining a place for drug use and/or sales, under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and felon in possession of a firearm. Tepezano was booked into the Ventura County Jail and later plead guilty and is currently serving his sentence at the Todd Road Jail Facility.

On April 27, 2016, narcotic detectives concluded their investigation into Ariaz' death with the presentation of the case to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. Tepezano was arrested at the Todd Road Jail Facility for manslaughter and sales of heroin with an enhancement of

causing great bodily injury.

Tepezano remains in custody at the Todd Road Jail Facility. His bail was set at \$250,000 and he is scheduled to be arraigned on the new charges on April 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone with information in this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective James Langford at 805-384-4775.

The Ventura County Narcotic Task Force - West County Street Team is made up of detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Santa Paula Police Department, and the Oxnard Police Department. These detectives work cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** April 27, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford  
805-384-4775

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

IRS Phone Scam Warning  
4/27/2016 9:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** IRS Phone Scam Warning

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** April 27, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department/ Community Resource Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department is warning Ventura County residents of a telephone scam that is targeting senior citizens. The Camarillo Police Department has been advised by several elderly residents, who have received phone calls and/or messages that state the IRS has filed a lawsuit against the victim. The victim is directed to call 347-980-7680 or 469-900-6591, which is answered by a young female with an accent. The female proceeds to inform the phone call recipients that they owe back income taxes. Victims are then told the money must be paid promptly to the person who answered or through a money transfer service.

These calls are fraudulent and have no connection to the IRS. Anyone who receives a phone call from someone demanding payment should report the situation immediately to local law enforcement.

Ventura County residents can protect themselves from telephone scams by confirming the questionable phone calls through the proper agencies or law enforcement. Do not proceed with transactions until confirmation has been made.

The Camarillo Police Department is reminding residents to never provide personal information or conduct financial transactions over the phone with unknown parties. It is uncommon for legitimate businesses to call and ask for money or personal information. If you suspect a phone call to be a scam, do not hesitate to ask questions and contact local authorities.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger #3469

**News Release Date:** April 27, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger  
805-388-5131 or [shawn.holzberger@ventura.org](mailto:shawn.holzberger@ventura.org)

**Approved by:**

Commander Monica McGrath

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**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Assaults Deputy / Charges Filed  
**Report Number:** 16-54907  
**Location:** Todd Road Jail, 600 Todd Road, Santa Paula  
**Date & Time:** April 13, 2016 @ 9:45 p.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Detention Services Classification Unit ' Todd Road Jail

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>
(S) Sarah Robledo	Camarillo

**Narrative:**

On April 13, 2016, at about 9:45 p.m., Ventura County Jail inmate, Sarah Robledo, assaulted a Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy while in custody at the Todd Road Jail. Robledo was arrested for two counts of Penal Code section 69(a), resisting an officer in the performance of duties, one count of Penal Code section 243(c)(1), battery on a peace officer, and one count of Penal Code section 148(a)(1), resist, obstruct, delay of a peace officer. The District Attorney's Office has filed the charges against Robledo and her preliminary hearing is scheduled on April 29, 2016.

During the incident, the deputy was directing two inmates in the housing unit hallway when one of the inmates, Sarah Robledo, failed to follow several directives and began to walk away. As the deputy attempted to restrain Robledo, Robledo turned and immediately started flailing her arms, attempting to punch the deputy several times. A second deputy responded and together, after a struggle, both deputies were able to gain control of Robledo. The two deputies received minor injuries during the incident. One deputy was treated for injuries at a local hospital and released the same day.

The Detention Services Classification Unit handled the investigation and Robledo was arrested for the above charges, with bail set at \$20,000. Robledo was originally in custody for violations of Penal Code section 211 (second degree robbery), Penal Code section 242 (battery) and Penal Code section 148(a)(1) (resist, obstruct, or delay a peace officer). Robledo has been in custody since January 2016.

Since the changes in criminal justice sentencing, the number of assaults on inmates and staff has increased. Jail staff has worked diligently to minimize these assaults through the proper classification and housing of inmates and by providing educational and rehabilitative programs to the inmates.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brian Baker

**News Release Date:** April 28, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brian Baker (805) 933-8502

**Approved by:** Captain Don Aguilar

**Inmate Death**  
4/29/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Death

**Report Number:** 16-59807

**Location:** Ventura County Courthouse, Ventura

**Date & Time:** 04/22/2016 @ 9:05 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Bureau and Detention Services Classification Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent** **City of Residence**

Timothy Kicker

Simi Valley

**Narrative:**

The Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau is investigating an inmate death that occurred at the Ventura County Courthouse in Ventura.

During the evening hours of April 20, 2016, Inmate Timothy Kicker was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence, a violation of 23152(a) of the vehicle code. After a pre-booking medical clearance, Mr. Kicker was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention facility.

While making his first court appearance on the matter at the Ventura County Courthouse on April 22, 2016, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Inmate Timothy Kicker suffered a medical emergency. Deputies and jail medical staff responded immediately and rendered aid. Ventura City Fire personnel and AMR paramedics were also summoned to provide more advanced life saving efforts. Mr. Kicker was pronounced dead at 9:46 a.m., by Ventura City Fire staff.

An autopsy was performed by the Medical Examiner and there was no indication of violence or suspicious circumstances and the cause of death appeared to be from a pre-existing medical condition. The cause of death is under investigation by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau. As a matter of policy and procedure, all inmate deaths are investigated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau. Kicker's next of kin was located and notified.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Mark Gillette

**News Release Date:** April 29, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mark Gillette (805) 384-4727

**Approved by:** Commander Rick Barrios

**Inmates Arrested for Gang Related Battery**  
4/29/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmates Arrested for Gang Related Battery

**Report Number:** 16-54223

**Location:** Ventura County Superior Courthouse, Ventura

**Date & Time:** 4/20/16 @ 4:15 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office Classification Unit ' Todd Road Jail  
Ventura County Sheriff's Office Court Service Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Jacob Pulido	Ventura	27
(S) Eric Forrest	Ventura	29
(S) Gabriel Cueva	Ventura	20

**Narrative:**

On March 20, 2016, inmates were transferred from Ventura County Jails to the Ventura County Superior Court for their proceedings. While awaiting their court appearances, three inmates conspired to batter another inmate. During the preliminary investigation the incident was determined to be a gang related assault. The three suspects were later arrested for battery and street terrorism charges.

Inmates Jacob Pulido, Eric Forrest and Gabriel Cueva were located in holding cells at the Ventura County Court House waiting proceedings for their specified court cases. Pulido, Forrest and Cueva are all documented members of a local criminal street gang. The victim, an inmate housed at the Todd Road Jail, was also located in the same holding cell that Forrest and Cueva were in. The victim is a documented member of a rival criminal street gang. There have been numerous acts of violence committed by members of both criminal organizations against one another.

A deputy assigned to security in the courthouse saw Pulido using a unique sign language to communicate with Forrest. Shortly thereafter, Forrest battered the victim inside of the holding cell. After the investigation was conducted, the victim was placed back in the holding cell to await his court proceedings. Without provocation, Cueva then battered the victim. Both batteries were halted by responding deputies. The victim sustained minor injuries from both batteries.

A month-long investigation was conducted by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Classification Unit. It was determined Pulido orchestrated the batteries against the victim, directing Forrest and Cueva to carry out the violent acts. These gang-related batteries were committed for the benefit of their criminal street gang. These types of acts are done to instill fear and intimidation to their rivals while in custody or the communities they terrorize.

The case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. Battery charges with the special allegation of committing the batteries for the benefit of a criminal street gang were

filed against all three defendants. Their next court date is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Due to recent legislation changes at the state level and prison realignment, the Ventura County jails and are experiencing a large increase in the amount of violence and the number of crimes that occur in the jails. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office works diligently to ensure the safety and security of the court house, jails and the safety of inmates. In incidents where crimes do occur in the court house or county jails, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office will exhaust all resources to hold those responsible for victimizing people accountable.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Sean Taylor

**News Release Date:** 4/29/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Sean Taylor  
(805) 933-8527

**Approved by:** Captain Don Aguilar

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Investigation / Arrests

**Report Number:** 160059859  
160062243

**Location:** 16000 block of Saticoy Street, Los Angeles  
21000 block of Saticoy Street, Los Angeles

**Date & Time:** 4/22/2016, 1900 hours  
4/26/2016, 1436 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Narcotics/ East County Street Team

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Piano, James	Canoga Park	40
Marine, Justin	Winnetka	41
Sanchez, Osvaldo	Canoga Park	27

**Narrative:**

During the last several months, Detectives with the Sheriff's East County Narcotics Team conducted an investigation into two Los Angeles County residents who were involved in the sales of methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County. These two subjects were identified as James Piano and Osvaldo Sanchez.

During the investigation, Detectives observed both subjects involved in illegal drug activity. On 4/22/16, The East County Street Team with the assistance of the Sheriff's Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit, conducted surveillance on James Piano. At the time, it was discovered Piano had an active warrant for his arrest for absconding from parole. Detectives followed Piano and a second subject later identified as Justin Marine, to a parking lot at the 16000 block of Saticoy Street in Los Angeles. Detectives converged on the two subjects and were able take Piano into custody for the warrant. Marine was detained and it was discovered he was on active probation.

Detectives conducted a search of the vehicle and located just under 1-1/2 pounds of methamphetamine and a loaded handgun. Marine was also arrested and he and Piano were taken to the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station where they were booked. Marine was booked on charges of possession for sales of a controlled substance. Charges against Piano are pending the completion of the investigation.

On 4/26/2016, Detectives with the East County Street Team secured a search warrant for Osvaldo Sanchez, his residence and vehicles. Detectives were assisted by the Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit, West County Street Team, and officers with the Los Angeles Police Department-Topanga Division.

Sanchez was arrested at his place of work in Canoga Park without incident. Once he was arrested, detectives served a search warrant at Sanchez' residence located at the 21000 block of Saticoy Street in Los Angeles.

During a search of Sanchez's residence and vehicle, detectives located over  $\diamond$  of a pound of methamphetamine,  $\diamond$  pound of heroin and over \$25,000 in cash determined to be proceeds from drug sales.

Sanchez, who is on active parole, was booked into jail in Van Nuys for a parole violation. Charges related to the narcotic violations are pending until the completion of the investigation.

Both Piano and Sanchez are currently in custody at the Los Angeles County Jail for parole violation and have no bail. Both are pending charges related to this investigation. Marine was booked into jail and has since been released pending the filing of charges against him.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Jose Rivera

**News Release Date:** 4/29/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Jose Rivera 805-797-6341,  
jose.rivera@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

Armed Robbery / Cisco's  
5/9/2016 11:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Armed Robbery

**Report Number:** 160069105

**Location:** Cisco's - 925 S Westlake Blvd

**Date & Time:** May 8, 2016 @ 10:50 PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Black Male	Unknown	Unknown

**Narrative:**

On May 8, 2016, at about 9:50 PM, officers assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to Cisco's Restaurant for an armed robbery that had just occurred.

A male suspect entered the restaurant after it was closed and approached two employees. The suspect displayed a gun and demanded money from the employees. The employees handed the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash, and the suspect fled the location on foot. A search of the area was conducted, but the suspect was not located.

The suspect was described as a black male approximately 5'8" and 150 lbs. He was wearing a dark color hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and had a bandana covering the lower part of his face.

No employees were injured as a result of the robbery. The suspect is still outstanding if anyone has additional information they are encouraged to contact Detective James Sullivan at (805) 494-8222.

**Prepared by:** Detective Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** May 9, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Sullivan - (805) 494-8222  
James.sullivan@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Camarillo Men Arrested for Narcotic Violations Following Suspected Overdose Death**  
5/6/2016 2:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Men Arrested for Narcotic Violations After Suspected Drug Overdose

**Report Number:** 16- 50218

**Location:** 4500 block of Via Del Sol, Camarillo, CA  
4500 block of Via Presidio, Camarillo, CA  
500 block of Lantana Street, Camarillo CA

**Date & Time:** April 5, 2016  
April 27, 2016  
May 5, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Patrol Station  
Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau  
Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Joshua Hart	Camarillo	34
(S) Neil Morales	Camarillo	39
(S) Shawn Farron	Camarillo	38

**Narrative:**

On April 5, 2016, Camarillo Patrol Deputies and Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded to the 4500 block of Via Del Sol in Camarillo for a possible overdose death of Joshua Hart. It was suspected Hart died from an overdose of prescription pills and heroin. Investigators identified Hart's probable sources of supply as Neil Morales for the pills and Shawn Farron for the heroin.

Detectives from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit began an investigation of Neil Morales and Shawn Farron.

On April 26, 2016, a search warrant was served at Morales' home in the 4500 block of Via Presidio in Camarillo and he was arrested for drug sales. On May 5, 2016, a search warrant was served at Shawn Farron's residence in the 500 block of Lantana Street in Camarillo and he was arrested for being under the influence of heroin and drug sales. Evidence was recovered at both locations that was consistent with narcotic activity.

Charges related to the death of Joshua Hart such as manslaughter and drug dealing resulting in death are pending toxicology results and final determination of death by the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Detail and Ventura Police Department assisted in this investigation.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Victor Fazio

**News Release Date:** May 6, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Robert Davidson  
[robert.davidson@ventura.org](mailto:robert.davidson@ventura.org)  
(805) 947-8705

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

###

**Craigslist Drug Dealer Arrested in Simi Valley**  
5/2/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Craigslist Drug Dealer Arrested in Simi Valley  
**Report Number:** 16- 63955  
**Location:** 2600 block of Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley  
**Date & Time:** April 29, 2016  
**Unit Responsible:** Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Cody Harvey	Los Angeles	26

**Narrative:**

On April 29, 2016, Investigators from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit located an advertisement on craigslist.org offering Roxicodone for sale. Roxicodone is a prescription drug which contains the powerful opioid oxycodone. Investigators, in an undercover capacity, made contact with the seller who agreed to meet to sell the drugs in the City of Simi Valley. Detectives were able to follow the seller, identified as Cody Harvey, a short distance as he pulled into a parking lot on Tapo Canyon Road, north of the 118 freeway. Harvey was detained and approximately 200 oxycodone pills, worth about \$5000, were found in his vehicle. Based on signs and symptoms of drug use, and his driving pattern, Harvey was also evaluated for driving under the influence of drugs. Harvey was arrested for possession for sales of a controlled substance, offering to sell a controlled substance, and driving under the influence. He is currently in custody with bail set at \$50,000. His court date is May 3, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., in Ventura County Superior Court.

Detectives from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit frequently check internet websites and social media platforms for subjects selling drugs. From craigslist.org alone, investigators have purchased drugs on 43 occasions, resulting in the seizure of 22 different drugs, and the arrest of 42 individuals.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Victor Fazio

**News Release Date:** May 2, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Investigator Wallace Boggess  
(805) 947 7963

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

**Nature of Incident:** DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** 16-68716, 16-68743, 16-68779, 16-68785

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, California

**Date & Time:** May 7, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Donna Carol Aune	Thousand Oaks	67
(S) William Gaffney	Thousand Oaks	66
(S) Dillion Michael Cappello	Moorpark	27
(S) Christine Louise Doherty	Thousand Oaks	24
(S) Kyle Martin Bullard	Simi Valley	27
(S) Jennifer Jo Wharton	Simi Valley	25
(S) Ashley Adams	Thousand Oaks	30

**Narrative:**

**DUI Checkpoint Nets 7 Arrests**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on May 7, 2016, on Moorpark Road south of Janss Road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of Californiadrivers approve of checkpoints

Donna Aune, William Gaffney and Dillion Cappello were all arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Christine Doherty, Kyle Bullard and Jennifer Wharton were passengers in a vehicle contacted at the checkpoint and were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Ashley Adams was also a passenger in a vehicle contacted during the checkpoint and arrested for violating her probation.

428 Vehicles Screened

3 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested

0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested

3 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales/under the influence)

1 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

7 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

14 Citations issued

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Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000. Not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Media Release Date:** May 8, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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***###***

DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint  
5/5/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** May 7, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

### **DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on May 7, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years officers have investigated 295 DUI collisions which have claimed 3 lives and resulted in another 122 injuries.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking

medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

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Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Thousand Oaks Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** May 5, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint**

5/1/2016 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint  
**Report Number:** 16-64710, 16-64765  
**Location:** City of Camarillo  
**Date & Time:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 9:00pm to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 3:00 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Michael Stover	Camarillo	54
(S) David Alas	Camarillo	25

**Narrative:**

### **DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

Camarillo, CA ' The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau in conjunction with the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau, conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, on Santa Rosa Road south of Los Pueblos Drive from 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of Californiadrivers approve of checkpoints.

- 553 Vehicles Screened
- 2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 9 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

- 5 Citations issued

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt

**Media Release Date:** May 1<sup>st</sup> , 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt  
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**Approved By:** Commander Monica McGrath

**Fillmore Presentatin of "Every Fifteen Minutes"**

5/27/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Fillmore Presentation of 'Every Fifteen Minutes'

**Location:** Fillmore High School

**Date & Time:** May 25, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Police / Sheriff's Station

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, the Fillmore Police Department, Fillmore Fire Department, American Medical Response, Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Santa Paula Hospital, and the Fillmore High School presented 'Every Fifteen Minutes' outside of the Fillmore High School campus. The 'Every Fifteen Minutes' presentation offers the real-life experience of a DUI-related, injury traffic collision without the real-life risks. This emotionally-charged presentation is an event designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving. This powerful presentation is intended to challenge students to think about drinking and/or texting while driving. The personal safety and the responsibility of making mature decisions when entering a vehicle with an intoxicated or in-attentive driver may have devastating consequences.

The focus of the assembly stresses that the decision to consume alcohol can affect many more people than just the one who drinks, as well as the dangers of texting while driving. This very emotional and heart-wrenching event illustrates to students the potentially dangerous consequences of their use of alcohol and texting while driving, regardless of how casual they believe their use is. This event included the participation of our police and fire departments, high school staff, local hospital, high school student actors and video production crew, community officials, the District Attorney's Office, and a wide cross-section of the community at-large. It is our goal to utilize the strength, talent and resources of business and industry to prevent drunk driving and texting while driving.

The presentation is available at the following link.

Part one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMD393HjK2w>

Part two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEknTKK1IQs>

**Prepared by:** Danielle Ramirez, Student Worker

**News Release Date:** May 27, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Leo Vazquez, 805-947-8150

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

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Gunshot Victim  
5/22/2016 10:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Gunshot Victim  
**Report Number:** 16-76332  
**Location:** 14000 block of Santa Paula / Ojai Rd., Santa Paula  
**Date & Time:** 05/22/2016 @ 10:20 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Owen, Aleric	Santa Paula	50
(S) Owen, Peter	Santa Paula	23

**Narrative:**

The Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau is conducting an investigating into the shooting death of the decedent, which occurred in the 14000 block of Santa Paula / Ojai Rd., Santa Paula.

On May 22, 2016, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Deputies responded to a gunshot victim in 14000 block of Santa Paula / Ojai Rd., Santa Paula. Upon the arrival of deputies and medical personnel, they determined that the victim, Aleric Owen had suffered a fatal injury. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedics and medical personnel.

The Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded and conducted a thorough and exhaustive investigation. It was determined that the victim had sustained a fatal gunshot wound. The victim's son, Peter Owen, was subsequently arrested and booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (PTDF) on suspicion of Homicide, a violation of Penal Code /187(a).

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Mark Gillette  
**News Release Date:** May 22, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mark Gillette (805) 384-4727  
**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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Indecent Exposure / Child Annoying  
5/17/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Indecent Exposure / Child Annoying  
**Report Number:** 16-71052 & 16-71149  
**Location:** Moorpark High School ' 4500 N. Tierra Rejada Road, Moorpark, Ca.  
**Date & Time:** 05-11-2016 / 1630 hours & 05-12-2016 / 1507 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Unknown Male		18-25
(V) Juveniles		14 to 16

**Narrative:**

On 05/11/2016 and 05/12/2016, the male suspect seen in the attached video was observed in the girl's locker room at Moorpark High School. The suspect entered the locker room, removed his clothing, and stood at the rear of the locker room. The juvenile victims noticed the suspect while they were gathering their belongings from their lockers and they immediately left the area. The suspect did not attempt to make any physical contact with the victims. The incident from 05/11/2016, did not get reported until shortly before the incident on 05/12/2016.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic or Middle Eastern Male, approximately 18-25 years of age, with dark colored hair and having a beard. The suspect stands between 5'08 and 6'00 tall and has a medium to heavy build. He was seen leaving Moorpark High School in the above pictured blue or dark green colored 2002 to 2006 Nissan Altima (unknown license plate).

If you have information concerning the identity of the male suspect or location of the Nissan Altima, please contact Sgt. Darin Hendren ' (805)797-7137 or Det. Matthew Theobald ' (805)947-8220.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Darin Hendren  
**News Release Date:** 05-17-2016  
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**Approved by:**

Captain John Reilly

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**Nature of Incident:** IRS Phone Scam Warning

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** April 27, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department/ Community Resource Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department is warning Ventura County residents of a telephone scam that is targeting senior citizens. The Camarillo Police Department has been advised by several elderly residents, who have received phone calls and/or messages that state the IRS has filed a lawsuit against the victim. The victim is directed to call 347-980-7680 or 469-900-6591, which is answered by a young female with an accent. The female proceeds to inform the phone call recipients that they owe back income taxes. Victims are then told the money must be paid promptly to the person who answered or through a money transfer service.

These calls are fraudulent and have no connection to the IRS. Anyone who receives a phone call from someone demanding payment should report the situation immediately to local law enforcement.

Ventura County residents can protect themselves from telephone scams by confirming the questionable phone calls through the proper agencies or law enforcement. Do not proceed with transactions until confirmation has been made.

The Camarillo Police Department is reminding residents to never provide personal information or conduct financial transactions over the phone with unknown parties. It is uncommon for legitimate businesses to call and ask for money or personal information. If you suspect a phone call to be a scam, do not hesitate to ask questions and contact local authorities.

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**News Release Date:** April 27, 2016

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**Approved by:**

Commander Monica McGrath

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Man Arrested Second Time for Mail Theft in Ojai  
5/31/2016 1:14:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Man Returns to Scene of the Crime / Identity Theft Arrest

**Report Number:** RB #16-0079065

**Location:** 1100 block of Rancho Drive  
Ojai, Ca 93023

**Date & Time:** 05/27/2016 4:30 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives/Ojai Patrol

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Manuel Rosales	Oxnard	62 yrs

**Narrative:**

A resident of Oxnard, who was arrested back in January 2016 on charges of mail and identity theft, returned to the same street in Ojai to once again victimize residents by committing the same series of crimes. He was identified by a vigilant citizen and once again captured and booked into jail.

During the dates of January 5-13, 2016, a resident residing in the unincorporated area of Ventura County/Ojai area reported being a victim of mail theft. Included in the stolen mail was a Costco American Express credit card. Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. It was determined that this stolen credit card was used at various locations throughout the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo. Video of the suspect using the stolen credit card was obtained from Target Stores located in Camarillo and Oxnard (River Park location). A request to identify the suspect was sent out to the public. The request contained a video clip of the suspect making the fraudulent transactions. A citizen recognized the suspect from the video and provided his name to law enforcement. This led to the identification and arrest of the suspect, Manuel Rosales. Rosales was booked at the Ventura County Jail with a bail amount of \$50,000.00.

Almost five months later, on 05/27/2016, a citizen saw and recognized Rosales as the suspect from the first incident. Rosales was seen once again in the same area stealing mail from mailboxes. Ojai patrol deputies and detectives responded and detained Rosales. Rosales confessed to stealing mail in hopes of obtaining documents to commit identity theft again. Rosales was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for mail theft and attempted identity theft, which is a felony charge. He remains in jail with a bail set at \$ 130,000.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:** Detective Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 05/31/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

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Memorial Day Weekend DUI / Enforcement  
5/20/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Memorial Day Weekend DUI Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County Law Enforcement Agencies

**Date & Time:** May 28, 2016 to May 30, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, Police Traffic Bureaus

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

## **Memorial Day Holiday Weekend DUI Enforcement Blitz**

Ventura County, CA ' The Avoid the 14 DUI Task Force is sending DUI officers out this holiday weekend for DUI/drivers license checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols countywide. Officers are targeting drunk or drugged drivers on this first holiday weekend of the summer driving season.

This weekend traditionally finds travelers heading to local parks or waterways for outdoor activities, along with family and friends gathering for backyard barbeques. It's also the time for college and high school graduation celebrations.

The County's DUI Task Force will be conducting two DUI/Drivers License checkpoints over this holiday weekend. One will be conducted in the city of Ventura and the other will be conducted in the city of Simi Valley. The cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, Ojai and Oxnard will all be deploying special DUI Saturation Patrols throughout the weekend. The California Highway Patrol is deploying all available officers Memorial Day weekend onto freeways and county roads as part of their Maximum Enforcement Period.

Law enforcement is asking for everyone's support this holiday weekend and all summer long:

- Plan ahead. Arrange rides home for your friends, family, co-workers and yourself before the drinking begins. Call a taxi or get a ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb.
- Those hosting activities should limit drinks to your guests or patrons. Don't serve more than one or two drinks over several hours.
- Cut back on the amount of drinks you plan to bring to the gathering ' and provide plenty of food.
- If you see dangerous driving, Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 9-1-1!

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving

(14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify impairment effects.

In addition to the Memorial Day DUI crackdown, law enforcement nationwide is looking to stop and ticket those who have failed to buckle up or secure young passengers. *Remember Click It or Ticket!*

Funding for the Avoid DUI Task Force is a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Avoid Task Force will deploy checkpoints and DUI patrols next during the Independence Day Holiday and for the summer August/Labor Day DUI Mobilization.

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**News Release Date:** May 20, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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**Police K9 Tracks Down Robbery Suspect**

5/2/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Police K9 Tracks Down Robbery Suspect  
**Report Number:** 160065130  
**Location:** 587 N. Ventu Park Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320  
**Date & Time:** 05/01/2016 @ 10:42 PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department, Thousand Oaks Major Crimes,  
Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Juan Guzman	Newbury Park	23

**Narrative:**

A Thousand Oaks Police K9 named 'Dano' tracked Juan Guzman to a residence on Paseo La Perla after he committed two robberies.

At approximately 10:42 PM, officers with the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a robbery in progress call in the shopping center located at 587 N. Ventu Park Road. When they arrived on scene, they spoke with two male subjects and learned that Guzman attempted to take property from one of them and was successful in taking property from the second victim. Guzman did not use a weapon, however he did assault the victims before walking away with the stolen property.

Officers on scene requested assistance from Deputy Flores and his K9 partner named 'Dano.' Dano tracked Guzman's scent to the townhomes located in the 600 block of Paseo La Perla where officers found him standing outside. Guzman was identified by the victims as the suspect who robbed them and he was arrested for the crimes. Guzman was transported to the Ventura County Main Jail where he was booked for attempted robbery and robbery. He was also on active parole so an additional hold was placed on him. Guzman's bail is currently set at \$120,000.00 dollars pending his arraignment in Superior Court.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office is proud of its K9 program. This K-9 program is funded by generous donations of the residents and businesses in Ventura County. Police K9's like Dano and their handlers undergo hundreds of hours of training. They not only protect deputies and the public in situations like this, they track missing children and adults, provide comfort to victims and detect narcotics during enforcement actions. These K9's are not just man's best friend, but are sworn members of the agency and a critical component of accomplishing its mission. To learn more about the K-9 Unit go to [www.vcsdk9.org](http://www.vcsdk9.org).

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Alan Hartkop

**Media Release Date:** May 02, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Tim Lohman  
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**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Prescription / Rx Collection @ Leisure Village**

5/4/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Prescription / Rx Collection @ Leisure Village

**Report Number:**

**Location:** 200 Leisure Village Drive, Camarillo, Ca

**Date & Time:** May 7, 2016 / 10:00AM ' 3:00PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit

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**Narrative:**

On Saturday May 7, 2016, the Camarillo Police Department is partnering with Leisure Village Security a sixth time, to collect unused / expired prescription medication, from residents of the village. The Camarillo Police Department started its first prescription Rx collection at Leisure Village, in December of 2012. Knowing how difficult it is for some elderly residents to bring the unused / expired prescriptions to the drop off bin at the Police Station, the Camarillo Police Department has been bringing the collection to the residents. During the first five collections, a total of 561.35 pounds of unused / expired prescription medication was collected. Based on the success of those collections, the Camarillo Police Department and Leisure Village Security are conducting additional collections at least twice a year. The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind citizens that unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to overdose and abuse. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank the residents of Leisure Village and Leisure Village Security for their help in making our community a safer one. As a reminder, if you want to drop off unused / expired medications at the Camarillo Police Department or any other Sheriff sub-station, we have Pharmaceutical drop-off bins in all of our lobbies. The lobbies at each sub-station are open Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John M. Franchi #2549

**News Release Date:** May 4, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John M. Franchi @ 805-388-5135

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

**Nature of Incident:** Prescription / Rx Collection Results @ Leisure Village

**Report Number:**

**Location:** 200 Leisure Village Drive, Camarillo, Ca

**Date & Time:** May 11, 2016 / 4:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

On Saturday May 7, 2016, the Camarillo Police Department partnered with Leisure Village Security to collect unused / expired prescription medication from residents of the village. The collection time was from 10:00 AM ' 3:00 PM and **236** pounds of unused / expired medication was collected in just five hours. This was the largest one day collection since the Camarillo Police Department started its first prescription Rx collection in December of 2012. Saturday's collection was 99 lbs. higher than the previous one day record of 137 lbs. collected in October of 2015. During the first five collections, a total of 561.35 pounds of unused / expired prescription medication was collected bringing the overall total now to 797.35 pounds. Due to the success of the collections; the Camarillo Police Department will continue these collections every six months.

The Camarillo Police Department conducts these collections to make it easier for some of our senior community members who may find it difficult to travel to the Police Department to discard their unused/expired medications. Additionally, we would like to remind citizens that unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, and can lead to accidental overdose or abuse. Unused drugs that are flushed can contaminate the water supply.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank the residents of Leisure Village, and Leisure Village Security for their help in making our community a safer one.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John M. Franchi #2549

**News Release Date:** May 11, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John M. Franchi @ 805-388-5135

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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***###***

**Thousand Oaks - Attempt to Identify Bank Robbery Suspect**

5/24/2016 1:14:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Public's Assistance Requested to Identify Robbery Suspect

**Report Number:** 16-76903

**Location:** Bank of America ' 1155 Lindero Canyon Road

**Date & Time:** May 23, 2016 at 1:30 PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) White Male	Unknown	Unknown

**Narrative:**

On May 23, 2016, at about 1:30 PM, officers assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the Bank of America located at 1155 Lindero Canyon Road, Thousand Oaks for a robbery that had just occurred.

A male suspect entered the bank and approached a bank teller. The suspect handed the teller a note demanding cash. The teller refused the demand and the suspect quickly exited the bank. The suspect fled the location on foot. A search of the area was conducted, but the suspect was not located.

The suspect was described as a white male approximately 5'6" to 5'11" and between 140 and 160 pounds with a slender build. The suspect was wearing a dark color long sleeve shirt, blue jeans, and a cream colored fedora style hat. The suspect also had a thick mustache and a long goatee.

No persons were injured as a result of the robbery. The suspect is still outstanding if anyone has additional information they are encouraged to contact Detective Kelly Roark at (805) 494-8223.

**Prepared by:** Detective Kelly Roark

**Media Release Date:** May 24, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Kelly Roark - (805) 494-8223  
Kelly.Roark@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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***###***

**Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign**

5/20/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark

**Date & Time:** May 23, 2016 to June 5, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, Police Traffic Bureaus

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

**New 'Coast to Coast' Seat Belt Enforcement Effort  
Aims to Increase *Click It or Ticket* Participation, Save Lives**

Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Moorpark, CA ' From May 23 to June 5, 2016, local law enforcement personnel will participate in the national *Click It or Ticket* campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use. This education enforcement period comes ahead of the Memorial Day holiday, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

According to research conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, while 88.5 percent of passenger vehicle occupants buckled up in 2015, almost 50 percent of occupants of fatal crashes nationwide are not restrained. In some states, the rate is as high as 70 percent unrestrained in fatal crashes. In California, more than a half million people travel our roadways at grave risk without proper restraints. These facts gravely highlight the need for increased education, awareness and enforcement and awareness of seat belt use.

This year, NHTSA is aiming to increase campaign participation even more by coordinating a 'Coast to Coast' seat belt education and enforcement effort with the California Highway Patrol and law enforcement around the I-10, I-40, I-70 and I-80 corridors. Additionally, law enforcement agencies statewide are joining the Click It or Ticket effort to emphasize the 'Coast to Coast' seat belt safety awareness campaign in all 50 states.

'As law enforcement, we have a special role in helping protect the safety of our citizens, from the East to the West Coast,' said Assistant Chief Jim Fryhoff, of the Thousand Oaks Police Department. 'Time after time, we see the deadly results that come from drivers and passengers refusing to wear a seat belt. Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important steps in increasing survivability in a crash. Our job is to contact and educate those who are not buckled up, and to keep them from repeating this potentially deadly mistake.'

In 2014, nearly half of the 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes nationally were unrestrained, according to NHTSA. During the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., that number increased to 57 percent of those killed. Law enforcement agencies will write citations day and night, with a zero-tolerance approach.

'Hundreds of thousands of citizens will be traveling this Memorial Day weekend, as well as throughout the summer vacation season. We want to make sure that people are buckling up to keep themselves and their families safe. It is the greatest defense in a vehicle crash,' said Rhonda Craft, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety.

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* campaign, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Release Date:** May 20, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** brad.clifton@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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###

**Camarillo Area - Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

5/24/2016 4:08:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** City and county areas of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 21, 2016 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Camarillo Police Department Investigations Unit  
Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Units

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, May 21st, 2016, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of eighty (80) registered sex offenders throughout the city and county areas of Camarillo. The compliance checks were part of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Sixty (60) of the offenders were found to be in compliance with their registration requirement. Eighteen (18) registrants were verified as living at their residence but were not contacted because they were not home. Two (2) registrants were not contacted because the registrant had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if those registrants are out-of-compliance.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be conducting similar sweeps on an ongoing basis, to verify registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.

Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Ryan Clark  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau/ Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** May 24th, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Ryan Clark / 805-384-4721  
[ryan.clark@ventura.org](mailto:ryan.clark@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

###

Start Smart Program / Camarillo  
5/18/2016 2:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart Program  
**Location:** Camarillo Police Station Community Room  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, June 9th, 2016, 5:30 p.m. ' 8:30 p.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future drivers. This program will take place on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM at the Camarillo Police Station Community Room.

The 'Start Smart' Program is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Camarillo Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents/guardians.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, Start Smart is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions.

Interested parents are asked to contact Deputy Ben Lopez at (805) 388-5122 for more information. For reservations, call the Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit at **(805) 388-5155**. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents/guardians. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Ben Lopez  
**News Release Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt (805) 388-5132  
**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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Start Smart / Thousand Oaks  
5/17/2016 2:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart

**Location:** Thousand Oaks Police Station ' East County Community Room

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, June 15th, 2016, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau

Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16 to 19-year-olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers.

Start Smart is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Thousand Oaks Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the Start Smart Program is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

Interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at (805) 494-8271 for more information and to make a reservation. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Media Release Date:** 05/17/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

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**Nature of Incident:** Suspended/Unlicensed Driver Court Stakeout Operation

**Report Numbers:**

**Location:** City of Ventura

**Date & Time:** May 23, 2016, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Gari Omar Sanchez	Oxnard	38
(S) Kasie Christina Smith	Newbury Park	33
(S) Juan DeJuses	Oxnard	33
(S) Ryan Calvin Delung	Thousand Oaks	29

**Narrative:**

## **Thousand Oaks Police Department Announces Results of DUI Court Stakeout Operation**

On May 23, 2016, between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm, officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department conducted an undercover 'Court Stakeout Operation' at the Ventura County Superior Courthouse in Ventura. Officers targeting suspected DUI drivers whose licenses were suspended/revoked or who were unlicensed drivers.

Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and/or who had been told of their license suspension. Seven offenders were followed by officers from courtrooms to their vehicles to ensure that they were not driving. While some offenders complied with the law and had alternate means of transportation, four individuals in court for DUI proceeded to get behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse.

Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers. Those stopped for driving while suspended or unlicensed were issued citations requiring them to make new court appearances.

- 2 Suspended/Revoked
- 2 Unlicensed
- 4 Vehicles towed/impound
- 0 Other crimes committed

Those arrested Monday could face additional jail time, long driver license suspensions, along with

other financial consequences including attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job or job prospects.

DUI Court Stakeout operations, along with regularly scheduled high visibility DUI enforcement, serve as a proven deterrent with the goal of keeping impaired drivers off our roads and heightening awareness among the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

This special DUI operation was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please help the Thousand Oaks Police Department every day of the week. Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 9-1-1!

###

**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**Media Release Date:** May 24, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant  
[brad.clifton@ventura.org](mailto:brad.clifton@ventura.org)

**Approved By:** Jim Fryhoff, Captain

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police Department 'Coffee with the Chief' Community Outreach Program

**Location:** Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf 487 N Moorpark Rd Thousand Oaks, Ca

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 8:30 AM ' 10:30 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chief and on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel will be at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf 487 N Moorpark Rd Thousand Oaks, Ca

What's on your mind' The chief wants to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the Chief has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Hagel will be present from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Ed Beauvais (805) 371-8362 / edward.beauvais@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

**Thousand Oaks Robbery Suspect Arrested**  
5/26/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Robbery Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** RB# 16-76903

**Location:** Bank of America-1155 Lindero Canyon Road

**Date & Time:** 05/25/2016 @ 6:30 PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Major Crimes, Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Jones, Jeffrey James	Camarillo	46

**Narrative:**

The importance of a strong relationship between the police and the community was once again demonstrated when Thousand Oaks Police Major Crimes Investigators reached out to the public for information on an attempted bank robbery. On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, Jeffrey James Jones was arrested for the crime after detectives received tips from the public regarding his identity.

On May 23, 2016 at approximately 1:30 PM, Bank of America located at 1155 Lindero Canyon Road in the City of Thousand Oaks was the target of a robber who attempted to get cash from a teller by handing the employee a demand note. He was unsuccessful in his attempt and walked out of the bank, but not before being captured on surveillance video.

On May 24, 2016, the Thousand Oaks Police Department released a news story regarding the crime and included photographs of the suspect. Within a short period of time, tips from the public were generated which assisted in the identification of the suspect, Jeffrey James Jones, a former Camarillo resident turned transient.

Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit located Jones as he left a residence in Thousand Oaks where he was temporarily staying. Jones was arrested for attempted bank robbery and booked into the Ventura County Jail. Search warrants were served which led to the recovery of additional evidence.

Jones' bail is set at \$50,000 dollars pending his arraignment in Superior Court on Friday, May 27, 2016.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Alan Hartkop

**Media Release Date:** May 26, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Tim Lohman  
(805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

Vandal Taunting Police Arrested  
5/11/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vandal Taunting Police Arrested  
**Report Number:** RB#16-48633  
**Location:** 900 block of Hackamore Street. MiraMonte, CA  
**Date & Time:** 05/09/16 @ 5 pm  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Riis-Vestergaard, Aaron	Ojai	20

**Narrative:**

Graffiti vandalism is an eyesore that directly affects the quality of life in our communities. If left unchecked, graffiti can decrease property values and lead to the deterioration of entire neighborhoods. The removal of graffiti costs homeowners, business owners and taxpayers thousands of dollars each year.

Over the last month, numerous locations in and around Ojai were targeted by a graffiti vandal. Some of these locations included Libbey Park, Vons and Saint Thomas Church within the City of Ojai, and Rite Aid, Starbucks, Taco Bell and Red Barn Liquor in the Ojai Valley. Using spray paint, the vandal would deface locations with various lettering and also leave taunting messages to the police. Some of these taunts, with the profanity edited out, included: 'f\*\*%k the police' and 'catch me if you can.'

Always up for a challenge, detectives from Ojai PD immediately took the vandal up on his suggestion. Detectives identified Riis-Vestergaard as the prime suspect and were able to positively identify Riis-Vestergaard when he was captured on video in the act of vandalizing a local business with spray paint graffiti. Riis-Vestergaard, who was accompanied by his German Shepard dog 'Klaus', can be seen crouching down to avoid passing vehicle headlights. He then emerges from his hiding spot and spray paints the side of the business while Klaus stands by his side. In a separate video at a different location, Riis-Vestergaard and Klaus can be seen at another graffiti vandalism crime scene.

An additional suspect was captured on video with Riis-Vestergaard committing vandalism. He has been identified and his arrest is pending.

Riis-Vestergaard was interviewed and confessed to his actions. He was arrested and booked into the Sheriff's Main Jail with his bail set at \$10,000.

The Ojai Police Department encourages citizens to immediately report suspicious people and vehicles, and to promptly report any graffiti they come across. After a police investigation, all graffiti should be immediately removed.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 5/11/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-477-7038

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

**Vandalism to Sheriff Patrol Vehicles and Arrest**  
5/13/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vandalism to Sheriff Patrol Vehicles and Arrest

**Report Number:** 160068617

**Location:** Saticoy, Ca.

**Date & Time:** 05/07/2016 @ 8:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Headquarters Patrol Deputies, Area Detectives and Sheriff Gang Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Hernandez, Melonie	Saticoy	18

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, May 7, at approximately 8 p.m., deputies from the Sheriff's Headquarters station were in Saticoy looking for a subject with outstanding arrest warrants. Deputies parked their patrol units in the area of D Street and Los Angeles Avenue and began looking for the wanted subject on foot. After a short period of time, deputies received an emergency call for service in the area of Faria Beach. Deputies returned to their patrol units to find both had been extensively vandalized. An unknown suspect had broken the front windshield of one unit and smashed out the rear vehicle of the second. Several large rocks were found inside the Sheriff's vehicles. Due to the severity of the damage, the deputies could not safely respond to the emergency at Faria Beach. Other deputies responded in their place.

Patrol deputies, area detectives and the Sheriff's Gang Unit opened a criminal investigation which identified the vandalism suspect as Melonie Hernandez.

On May 12, 2016, Melonie was located in the 1200 block of Aster Street, Saticoy, and arrested. While being transported to the Main Jail, Melonie additionally vandalized the interior of the patrol car.

Melonie Hernandez was booked for felony vandalism, misdemeanor vandalism and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Her bail was set at \$15,000.00. Hernandez has a scheduled court date of May 16<sup>th</sup>, in court room 13.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brian Richmond

**News Release Date:** May 13, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brian Richmond, (805) 654-2110  
or [brian.richmond@ventura.org](mailto:brian.richmond@ventura.org)

**Approved by:**

Captain Patti Salas

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Ventura County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony  
5/3/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Ventura County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

**Report Number:** Non-applicable

**Location:** Ventura County Government Center ' 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, California

**Date & Time:** May 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Administration

**Narrative:**

The Peace Officers Association of Ventura County (POAVC) will be presenting the 2016 Peace Officer's Memorial event at the Ventura County Government Center. The public is invited to attend. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. at the Peace Officer's monument located near the west government center entrance on Victoria Avenue.

Family members of Ventura County fallen peace officers will be in attendance, as well as representatives from all county area law enforcement agencies.

The event will honor all Ventura County law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. A ceremonial procession will begin the event. The event will also include the reading of the names of each fallen peace officer, a 21-gun salute by the Sheriff's Honor Guard, the symbolic riderless horse, and a helicopter formation fly-over.

A video message on this year's event by Sheriff Dean can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/ebCKRg>. For more information on the POAVC, visit [www.poavc.org](http://www.poavc.org).

Prepared by: Captain Garo Kuredjian  
Media Release Date: May 3, 2016  
Follow-Up Contact: Captain Garo Kuredjian (805) 797-6322  
Approved by: Captain Inglis

## News Story

**Nature of Incident:** Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

**Location:** Moorpark City Hall

**Date & Time:** May 25 & 26, 2016/ 5:30PM ' 9:30PM

**Unit Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department

**Narrative:**

**Do you know how to recognize the signs and symptoms of youth that are in an emotional crisis or developing mental health problems'**

**Youth Mental Health First Aid is a free 8 hour training course primarily focused on information adult participants can use to help adolescents (ages 12-18) who are experiencing mental health challenges, substance use, anxiety, depression as well as reviewing typical adolescent development.**

**Participants will learn to support youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental health problem or those in an emotional crisis by learning a five-step action plan:**

- } Assess for risk of suicide or harm**
- } Listen non-judgmentally**
- } Give reassurance and information**
- } Encourage appropriate professional help**
- } Encourage self-help and other support strategies**

**To register please email Mary Ellen Collins, Certified Trainer:  
[mecollins@voice4families.com](mailto:mecollins@voice4families.com) or call (805) 657-4408**

**Made possible through funding from Ventura County Behavioral Health Department**

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Allen Devers, Moorpark CIT Coordinator

**Media Release Date:** May 3, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** [allen.devers@ventura.org](mailto:allen.devers@ventura.org) / 805-532-2700

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

**Nature of Incident:** Social Host Ordinance

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** May 31, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit

**Narrative:**

Within the next couple of weeks, high schools will be holding graduation ceremonies and that means summer is right around the corner. The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind graduates, parents, and residents to celebrate responsibly. The Camarillo Police Department actively enforces all alcohol related laws in an effort to prevent underage drinking of alcoholic beverages as well as loud and unruly gatherings. The Camarillo Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents about the Social Host Ordinance in Camarillo.

Camarillo Municipal Code section 10.32 makes it unlawful for any responsible person to conduct, aid, allow, permit, or condone a loud or unruly gathering at a residence or other private property involving minors and the unlawful consumption of alcohol.

Penalties for a violation of the ordinance are as follows:

- First violation is punishable by a \$500.00 dollar fine
- A second violation at the same residence or other private property, or by the same responsible person, within a 12 month period is punishable by a \$1000.00 dollar fine.
- A third or subsequent violation of this section at the same residence or other private property, or by the same responsible person, within a 12 month period is punishable by a fine of \$2500.00 dollars.

Since 2006, The Camarillo Police Department has issued 85 Social Host violation citations. If juveniles are cited the ordinance does not allow for community service as an option to pay the fine.

In addition, the unincorporated areas of Ventura County have a similar Social Host ordinance, Ventura County Code 6113-4, which makes it a civil violation for any responsible person to conduct or allow a loud or unruly gathering at a residence or other private property at which service to, or consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by underage persons occurs. A violation of this code is punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

The Camarillo Police Department would like to congratulate all the graduates and their families and wish them a safe and happy summer.

For questions regarding the Social Host ordinance, please contact the Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger

**News Release Date:** May 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger  
Camarillo Police Dept. - Community Resource Unit  
(805) 388-5131

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Memorial Day Weekend DUI Enforcement Results

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** May 27, 2016 to May 30, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police, Camarillo Police , Moorpark Police, Fillmore Police, Ojai Police, Oxnard Police, Simi Valley Police, Port Hueneme Police, Santa Paula Police, Ventura Police, CHP-Ventura, CHP-Moorpark, Channel Islands University Police

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

**Memorial Day Weekend AVOID DUI campaign Weekend report**

The Memorial Day Weekend Avoid the 14 ' DUI Campaign has concluded with the deployment of two Sobriety Checkpoints, 13 special DUI Saturation Patrols and officers on routine patrol focusing special attention towards the impaired driver working to lower deaths/injuries on our streets and highways.

From 12:01 AM Friday, May 27, 2016 through Midnight Monday, May 30, 2016 officers representing 12 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 44 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2015, 46 DUI arrests occurred during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. There were no DUI deaths this past weekend, but there was an injury collision in the city of Oxnard where a drunk driver collided with another vehicle causing injuries to four people.

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more Avoid Anti-DUI efforts throughout the county and region during the Independence Day holiday weekend and the 18 day campaign in August ending Labor Day weekend.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to watch and report impaired drivers each and every trip around town or during summer vacations: Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 9-1-1 any time you encounter that dangerous driver. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Release Date:** June 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** brad.clifton@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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**Nature of Incident:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** June 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

### **Traffic Enforcement Operations Plan for the City of Camarillo**

The Camarillo Police Department will step up Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations during the month of June with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past 3 years where pedestrian and bicycle collisions have occurred along with the violations that led to those crashes. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bicycle and pedestrian traffic and crashes occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks or any other dangerous violation.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bicycle riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet ' those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Camarillo Police Department has investigated 3 fatal collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three (3) years. In 2013, California witnessed 701 pedestrians and 141 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 28 percent of all traffic fatalities.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt  
805-388-5132 ' [william.britt@ventura.org](mailto:william.britt@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

###

Residential Burglary / Arrest  
6/9/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary / Arrest

**Report Number:** RB#14-25253

**Location:** 100 Block of Bounds Road, unincorporated area of Ventura

**Date & Time:** 6/7/2016 at 7:30 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Garza, Gabriel	Oxnard	22

**Narrative:**

On 11/4/2014, at about 7:30 p.m., a victim contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to report a residential burglary that occurred at the victim's residence in the 100 block of Bounds Road, in the unincorporated area of Ventura. Patrol deputies from the Ojai station processed the scene for evidence and located latent fingerprints at the point of entry and possible DNA evidence inside the residence.

The latent fingerprints were processed by Sheriff's Crime Lab Technician Riordan and placed in the State's automated fingerprint identification system, known as AFIS. In March 2016, a match was made to fingerprints belonging to Gabriel Garza that had been recently entered into the database when he was fingerprinted during an unrelated arrest. In April 2016, the evidentiary fingerprints were manually compared to a known set of fingerprints belonging to Garza by an expert and all four of the recovered latent fingerprints matched those belonging to Garza.

On 6/7/2016, detectives from the Ojai station tracked and located Garza in Oxnard. He was interviewed and confessed to the burglary. Garza was arrested for a violation of California Penal Code section 459- residential burglary. He was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trail Detention Facility for residential burglary. Bail was set at \$50,000.00

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 6/9/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-477-7038

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

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Residential Burglary Arrest  
6/10/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-84172  
**Location:** 500 Block Kensington Drive, City of Fillmore  
**Date & Time:** June 6, 2016 / 2:30 p.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Patrol / Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Frank Hurtado	Fillmore	46

**Narrative:**

Approximately one month ago, the victims in this case had a large amount of cash stolen from their residence by an unknown suspect. The crime prompted the victims to install a Wi-Fi enabled motion activated camera system in their home which operates with an application on the victim's cell phone.

At approximately 0800 hours, on June 6, 2016, the victims received notification that motion was detected inside their home. Upon watching the live feed from the camera, the victims immediately recognized their neighbor, Frank Hurtado, inside their home. The victim immediately called the Sheriff's Office. Deputies arrived and determined an additional theft of money occurred.

After an investigation, detectives tracked down and arrested Frank Hurtado for residential burglary. Hurtado was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Bail was set at \$150,000.00.

This crime may have gone unsolved if not for the use of modern technology which has become more affordable and easy to use. If you have any questions, or would like crime prevention tips, please contact the Fillmore police department.

**Prepared by:** Detective John Fox  
**Media Release Date:** June 10, 2015  
**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective John Fox (805) 524-2233  
[John.fox@ventura.org](mailto:John.fox@ventura.org)  
**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

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***###***

Thousand Oaks - Restaurant Robbery Suspect Arrested  
6/13/2016 4:31:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Restaurant Robbery Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** 150015671, 160065136, 160069105

**Location:** Bandits Grill & Bar, 589 N. Moorpark Road (07-12-15)  
Al Mulino, 3709 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. (05-02-16)  
Ciscos, 925 S. Westlake Blvd. (05-08-16)

**Date & Time:** 06/09/16 @ 10:15 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Major Crimes, Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, Sheriff's Special Services Special Crimes Unit, Sheriff's Crime Analysis Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Andre Terial Love	Los Angeles	37

**Narrative:**

On June 09, 2016, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office arrested Andre Terial Love for a series of restaurant armed robberies that occurred in the City of Thousand Oaks over the past year.

Beginning on July 12, 2015, investigators with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office began connecting a series of restaurant robberies that occurred in Thousand Oaks. There were a total of three crimes that were connected through the suspect's description and the method of operation in which the crimes were committed. In all three robberies the lone suspect used a semi-automatic handgun to instill fear into his victims and get them to comply with his demands for money.

Through the investigation, information and evidence was generated which identified Andre Terial Love as the prime suspect.

On June 09, 2016 at approximately 10:15 AM, Andre Terial Love was arrested at his work site in Newhall CA. Evidence related to the crimes was recovered. Investigators believe Love is responsible for the three restaurant robberies in Thousand Oaks, but are not ruling out the possibility there might be more in other jurisdictions.

Love was booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail for second degree robbery. Love's bail is currently set at one million dollars.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Alan Hartkop

**Media Release Date:** June 13, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Sullivan  
(805)947-8109

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**###**

DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint  
6/17/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/ Driver's License Checkpoint  
**Report Number:** N/A  
**Location:** City of Moorpark  
**Date & Time:** June 18, 2016 9:00PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Traffic Bureau

## **DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Moorpark, CA ' The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on June 18, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years, the Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit has investigated 22 DUI collisions which have claimed no lives but resulted in 29 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly

intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Moorpark Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Deputy David Anaya #3924

**News Release Date:** June 17, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy David Anaya (805)299-1505  
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**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly, Chief of Police.

**Fillmore Resident Arrested for Peeking**

6/21/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Fillmore Resident Arrested For Peeking

**Report Number:** 16-91416

**Location:** 500 Block of Central Avenue, Fillmore

**Date & Time:** June 18, 2016 at 11:30 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Patrol Deputies

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Adrian Banales	Fillmore	18

**Narrative:**

At approximately 10:25 PM, on June 18, 2016, a deputy on patrol noticed a disturbance in the 500 block of Central Avenue. Upon investigating the circumstances, the deputy learned a resident discovered a male subject peeking in the bathroom window where a juvenile victim was taking a shower. The residents confronted the suspect, who ran away. Additional deputies responded to the area and began a search. Adrian Banales was located nearby and matched the description of the suspect. After further investigation, Banales was identified by witnesses, and significant evidence was found at the scene to link Banales.

Banales was arrested for PC 647(i) / Peeking. Banales was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility. His bail was set at \$5,000.00.

The Fillmore Police Department suspects similar crimes have occurred in the City of Fillmore over the past few years. Anyone having information related to these crimes is urged to contact the Fillmore Police Department.

**Prepared by:** Detective John Fox

**News Release Date:** June 21, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective John Fox (805) 524-2233 [John.fox@ventura.org](mailto:John.fox@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Kenney

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***responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

***###***

Police Seek Public's Help With Identifying Thousand Oaks Convenience Store Robbery Suspects  
6/21/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Police Seek Public's Help With Identifying Thousand Oaks Convenience Store Robbery Suspects

**Report Number:** 16-92485

**Location:** 7-Eleven @ 3309 Kimber Drive, Newbury Park

**Date & Time:** June 21, 2016 at 12:48 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
S1 - Hispanic Male	Unknown	Unknown
S2 - Hispanic Male	Unknown	Unknown

**Narrative:**

On 6-21-16, at about 12:48 AM, officers assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the 7-Eleven on Kimber Drive in Newbury Park for an armed robbery that had just occurred.

Officers investigating the incident learned two male suspects entered the location. One suspect approached the victim (lone employee) in the store as the other suspect acted as a lookout. One of the suspects was armed with a knife as he ordered the victim to open the cash register. The victim complied and the suspects stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. Both suspects fled the location on foot.

The suspects are described as Hispanic males approximately 5'7" and 170 to 200 lbs. They were wearing dark color hooded sweatshirts and black pants. One suspect wore dark sunglasses in an effort to conceal his identity.

No persons were injured as a result of the robbery. The suspects are still outstanding. Detectives are requesting the public look closely at the attached surveillance photographs. If anyone has additional information or can possibly identify the suspects they are encouraged to contact Detective Kelly Roark at (805) 947-8261.

**Prepared by:** Detective Kelly Roark  
**Media Release Date:** June 21, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Kelly Roark - (805)-494-8223 or  
Kelly.Roark@ventura.org

**Approved By:** Captain Hartmann

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Senior Citizen Driver's Education Class  
6/22/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Senior Citizen Driver's Education Class

**Location:** Camarillo Police Station Community Room  
3701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010

**Date & Time:** Friday, July 15th, 2016, 5:30 p.m. ' 8:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a Senior Citizen Driver's Education Class.

The Senior Citizen Driver's Education Class is a cooperative effort between the Camarillo Health Care District, Camarillo Police Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, and senior drivers.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the Senior Citizen Driver's Education Class is designed to help senior drivers understand how age related issues could affect a person's ability to drive safely. The Senior Citizen's Education Class will offer lecture on the following: issues related to senior citizen drivers, advice on how to be a safer driver, information for care givers, alternate forms of transportation and community resources available to seniors. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of senior-related injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions.

Senior Drivers and / or their caregivers are encouraged to attend the class. If interested you are asked to contact Deputy Tino Espinoza at (805) 388-5125 for more information. For reservations, call the Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit at **(805) 388-5155**. Space is limited to 40 participants. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Tino Espinoza

**News Release Date:** Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt (805) 388-5132

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Nature of Incident:** Financial Elder Abuse Arrests  
**Report Number:** RB#16-58025  
**Location:** 100 block of Rockaway Road, Oakview, CA  
**Date & Time:** 06/20/2016 @ 8:00 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Fearing, Michelle	Ojai	47
Hallmark, George	Ojai	56

**Narrative:**

On 4/19/16, at about 2:30 pm, George Hallmark contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to report that his 85-year old father was the victim of financial elder abuse that occurred between 12/1/2015 and 3/8/2016. Hallmark reported that the person he had hired to assist with the care of his elderly father and to assist in managing the father's finances had accessed his father's money for personal use.

Over the next two months Ojai detectives thoroughly investigated the financial records and all parties involved. Detectives discovered that it was actually Hallmark and his ex-girlfriend, Michelle Fearing, who had been using the victim's funds illegally. Hallmark and Fearing had opened credit accounts in the victim's name for their own personal use over the past three years. The unauthorized use of the victim's funds caused the victim's debts to pile up and unnecessary fees and penalties were added to the victim's accounts. The misuse of funds also resulted in the lack of maintenance to the victim's residence, which had deteriorated to an almost uninhabitable state.

Adult Protective Services and Ventura County Code Enforcement were brought in to assist in identifying necessary actions that needed to be taken by the victim's family to provide a healthy and stable environment for the victim.

During the course of the investigation, both Fearing and Hallmark confessed to the use of the victim's funds for personal use, including spending large amounts of money at Southern California casinos. On 6/17/2016, Michelle Fearing was arrested for financial elder abuse, a violation of California Penal Code section 368(d) and identity theft, a violation of California Penal Code section 530.5(a). She was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail. Bail was set at \$60,000.00.

On 6/20/2016, George Hallmark was arrested for financial elder abuse, a violation of California Penal Code section 368(d) and identity theft, a violation of California Penal Code section 530.5(a). He was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail. Bail was set at \$120,000.00.

Ojai Police Department and Adult Protective Services encourages all citizens to report any incidents of suspected elder abuse. These victims are often unable to protect themselves and are also often in fear of the abuser.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 6/23/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-477-7038

**Approved by:** Captain David C. Kenney

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**###**

**Investigators Arrest Suspect in Santa Rosa Valley Home Invasion Robbery**  
6/23/2016 5:34:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Santa Rosa Valley Home Invasion Robbery Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** RB# 152030772

**Location:** 3300 Block of Cajon Circle, Santa Rosa Valley, 93012

**Date & Time:** September 9, 2015

**Unit(s) Responsible:** East County Major Crimes, Moorpark Police Department, Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit, Ventura County Sheriff Crime Analysis Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) William Hansen	Simi Valley	29

**Narrative:**

On June 21, 2016 Detectives with the East County Major Crimes Unit arrested William Hansen for a home invasion robbery that occurred in the Santa Rosa Valley back on September 09, 2015.

On September 09, 2015, deputies assigned out of the Moorpark Police Station responded to the 3300 block of Cajon Circle for a home invasion robbery that just occurred. Upon their arrival they learned the suspects entered the victim's residence in the early morning hours, tied up the victim, and stole an undisclosed amount of cash and personal property.

Detectives from different units with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office worked continuously on the case, which led them to several addresses in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Search warrants served at the residences uncovered evidence of additional criminal activity. Stolen vehicles and evidence of a chop shop were discovered at a residence in Sylmar where Hansen previously resided, and two illegally possessed firearms were confiscated from another of Hansen's prior residences.

The robbery investigation uncovered evidence of the home invasion robbery which led to the arrest of William Hansen for first degree robbery. The case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. After reviewing the case, the District Attorney's Office elected to file one count of first degree robbery against William Hansen. He is currently in custody at the Main Jail and his bail is set at \$200,000.00 dollars.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Alan Hartkop

**News Release Date:** June 23, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Sullivan  
(805)947-8109

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**National Night Out Block Parties**

6/28/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** National Night Out Block Parties

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** August 6, 2016 12pm through 4pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit

**Narrative:**

National Night Out enhances the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It furthermore provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together. The official day to observe National Night Out is the first Tuesday of August. This year's National Night Out is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. In order to accommodate neighborhoods in our community, the Camarillo Police Department will observe National Night Out during the afternoon of August 6, 2016.

This is the 33rd anniversary of National Night Out with over 38 million people across the country expected to participate. This is a great event to socialize with your neighbors and at the same time enhance community / neighborhood spirit.

To register for a neighborhood block party, groups can register online at the City of Camarillo website: <http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us> or by walking into City Hall and completing the paperwork. For more information on National Night Out, please call our Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. The Camarillo Police Department will attend as many of the local block parties as time permits.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Mario Molina

**News Release Date:** June 28, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Mario Molina (805) 388-5155

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

**Moorpark - Burglary Suspect Arrested**  
6/29/2016 9:01:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Theft / Burglary Suspect Arrested  
**Report Number:** 16-96253 & 16-96992  
**Location:** 15000 block of Shawnee Street, Moorpark  
**Date & Time:** 06/27/2016 @ 1:22 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol and Moorpark Investigations

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>
(S) Jordan Kovacs	Moorpark

**Narrative:**

On 06/27/2016 at about 7:00 PM, patrol deputies responded to a report call in the 14000 block of Stagecoach Trail in Moorpark, reference a theft from an unlocked vehicle. Deputies determined the victim parked her vehicle on the street in front of her residence, but did not lock it. When the victim returned to her vehicle several hours later, she discovered her wallet and credit cards had been stolen.

Moorpark Station Detectives followed up on the report and discovered one of the victim's credit cards had been used at a local gas station on 06/27/2016 @ 1:22 AM, Detectives were able to obtain video surveillance of the suspect using the credit card and were attempting to identify him.

On 06/29/2016, at approximately 1:15 AM, an alert homeowner noticed a suspicious subject looking into vehicles in the 15000 block of Shawnee Street. The homeowner reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office and patrol deputies arrived on scene a short time later. Patrol deputies located the suspect, who was identified as (S) Jordan Kovacs, as he got out of a parked vehicle. Deputies investigated the incident and learned the vehicle Kovacs was seen getting out of did not belong to him. Deputies contacted the owner of the vehicle and discovered Kovacs did not have permission to be in the vehicle. Additionally, property that had been reported stolen from the vehicle was located in Kovacs' pocket. Patrol deputies also found property belonging to another local resident in Kovacs' possession. Deputies contacted the owner of the property and determined Kovacs had stolen property from the second victim's unlocked vehicle.

A search of Kovacs' vehicle, which was parked a short distance away, revealed additional stolen property from a local residence. Deputies contacted the resident and determined Kovacs entered the unlocked garage of the residence and stole several items.

Kovacs was arrested for PC 484(a) ' Theft, PC 496 ' Possession of stolen property, and PC 459 ' Burglary. Detectives also positively identified Kovacs as the suspect that used the victim's stolen credit card at a Moorpark gas station on 01/27/2016 @ 0122 hours and he was also arrested for PC 484g(a) ' Theft by access card. Kovacs' bail has been set at \$55,000.00.

Members of the public are reminded to remove valuable items and keep their vehicles locked when left unattended. Thieves target vehicles that are left unlocked in shopping centers and residential areas, as they are easily entered without drawing unwanted attention to the thieves.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Darin Hendrin

**News Release Date:** 06/29/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective George Hernandez  
805-299-1554

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

**Nature of Incident:** July 4<sup>th</sup> DUI Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** July 1, 2016 to July 4, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police, Camarillo Police, Moorpark Police, Fillmore Police, Ojai Police, Oxnard Police, Simi Valley Police, Port Hueneme Police, Santa Paula Police, Ventura Police, CHP-Ventura, CHP-Moorpark, Channel Islands University Police

### **Narrative**

#### **This Fourth of July, There's No Excuse' 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' by Ventura County Law Enforcement**

Ventura County, CA ' Every year Americans head out on our nation's highways to celebrate the Fourth of July at picnics, parties, parades and more. Unfortunately for many, the celebration frequently includes drinking alcohol, which too often leads to drunk driving on one of the most heavily traveled holidays of the year.

From 2010-2014, 39 percent of all traffic fatalities over the Fourth of July period occurred in alcohol-impaired driving crashes. There were 397 people killed nationally in motor vehicle crashes in 2014 over the Fourth of July holiday. Of those fatalities, 41 percent were killed in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. In California during the holiday, an average of 6 people are killed and 110 are seriously injured each year.

This Fourth of July, law enforcement agencies throughout Ventura County will be out in full force, cracking down on drunk drivers by aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. In addition to routine staffing, extra officers will staff DUI Saturation Patrols over the three day weekend.

'Don't even think about drinking and driving this Fourth of July. We will be actively looking for you,' said Thousand Oaks Assistant Police Chief Jim Fryhoff. 'The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign means zero tolerance for drunk driving ' no excuses.'

The consequences of drunk driving are that serious. Not only are impaired drivers putting their lives and the lives of others at risk, but a DUI arrest means a loss of freedom and money. That can include going to jail, losing a driver license, and paying steep financial costs of \$10,000 or

more.

Ventura County Law Enforcement recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving.

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver.
- DDVIP: The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP mobile app is available for free download on iOS and Android devices. The DDVIP app allows users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.
- DRUGS, MEDICATION & ALCOHOL= CRASHES: Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate ' 'Report Drunk Drivers! Call 911!'
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take your friend's keys and help your friend make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.

Funding for the extra DUI enforcement operations is a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Release Date:** June 29, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

**Nature of Incident:** Sexual Assault Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** 16-87871

**Location:** 1300 Block of Newbury Road, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** June 12, 2016 @ 1:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) William (Bill) Beliveau	Thousand Oaks	63
(V) Adult Female	Thousand Oaks	50

**Narrative:**

On June 12, 2016, at 1:00 AM, Thousand Oaks Police Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 1300 block of Newbury Road in Thousand Oaks.

A female adult reported she met William Beliveau at a substance abuse treatment program in Thousand Oaks. Beliveau allowed the victim to stay with him at a local hotel, where he sexually assaulted her.

During the course of the investigation, two additional victims were identified and allege they were also sexually assaulted by Beliveau under similar circumstances. These crimes date back to 2011.

On June 25, 2016, at about 5:00 PM, detectives assigned to the East County Major Crimes Unit arrested William Beliveau for sexual assault. Beliveau was booked into custody at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility and his bail was set at \$500,000.

Based on the investigation, detectives believe there may be additional victims who have not reported the crimes. Anyone who has been a victim of William Beliveau or has additional information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective Jerin Widofsky at (805) 494-8224.

**Prepared by:** Detective Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** July 1, 2016

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**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Todd Road Jail Visiting Schedule Change**

7/1/2016 7:10:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Todd Road Jail Modifies Inmate Visiting Schedule Beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Location:** Todd Road Jail, 600 South Todd Road, Santa Paula

**Date & Time:** 7/1/16 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Todd Road Jail Administration

**Narrative:**

The Detention Services Division of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to inform the public that starting on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Todd Road Jail inmate visiting schedule will be modified. **Todd Road Jail will no longer have visiting hours on Fridays.** Visiting days will now coincide with the Pre-Trial Detention Facility inmate visiting days.

Todd Road Jail visiting will now be on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays with four sessions each day. The first session is from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The second session is from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The third session is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The last session is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit [www.vscd.org](http://www.vscd.org) and click on the 'Inmate Information' tab on the homepage for further details regarding inmate visiting schedules.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Gene Torres

**News Release Date:** July 1, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mike Harris  
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**Approved by:** Captain Don Aguilar

**Ojai Computer Theft Suspect Arrested**

7/7/2016 2:28:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Computer Theft / Arrest

**Report Number:** RB #16-0100071

**Location:** Hi Ho Burger Restaurant  
401 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai Ca

**Date & Time:** 07/06/2016 @ 5:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives/Sheriff's Main Jail Classification Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(A) Pablo Flores	Ventura	38 years

**Narrative:**

On 07/04/2016, at approximately 9:45 am, an unknown suspect stole a black Thule backpack containing an Apple MacBook Air laptop computer. The stolen items were left unattended in the lobby sitting area of the Hi Ho restaurant in the City of Ojai. This establishment is equipped with a video surveillance system which captured the suspect stealing the backpack. A news story and photographs were sent out to the public requesting assistance in an attempt to identify the suspect. Numerous members of the public, including Sheriff's personnel assigned to the Ventura County Main Jail Classification Unit visually recognized one of the parties seen in the surveillance photographs with the suspect who stole the backpack.

Based on this information, Ojai Detectives were able to identify the primary suspect as Pablo Flores. On 07/06/2016, at approximately 5:00 PM, Flores was contacted by Ojai Detectives at his residence in the City of Ventura. Flores confessed to the theft however, he attempted to return a different computer which was discovered to have been stolen from a residential burglary that occurred two weeks prior from a residence in the City of Ventura. During the contact with Flores, the stolen computer from Hi Ho restaurant, including the stolen backpack was recovered and subsequently returned to the owner. At this time, the Ventura residential burglary is still under investigation.

Pablo Flores was arrested for theft and possession of stolen property. Attached is a photograph of Flores. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships.

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If you have any information on this crime, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 477-7042.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 07/07/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Sergeant Ferguson

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Start Smart  
7/17/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart

**Location:** Thousand Oaks Police Station ' East County Community Room

**Date & Time:** Thursday, August 11th, 2016 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau

Start Smart is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Thousand Oaks Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents.

Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16-19-year-olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the Start Smart Program is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

Interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271 for more information and to make a reservation. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Media Release Date:** 05/17/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

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Attempt Burglary / Request for Public's Assistance  
7/18/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempt Burglary / Request for Public's Assistance

**Report Number:** RB #16-0092226

**Location:** Caf◆ Emporium  
108 South Montgomery Street

**Date & Time:** 06/15/2016 @ 2:30 am

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives and Ojai Patrol

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent**      **City of Residence**      **Age**

(S) Male/White      Unknown      40-45 years

**Narrative:**

On 06/15/2016, at approximately 2:30 am, an unknown suspect attempted to break into a restaurant called Caf◆ Emporium located at 108 South Montgomery Street in the City of Ojai. After the audible alarm was set off, the suspect quickly ran away. This establishment is equipped with a video surveillance system which captured the suspect attempting to pry open the door. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect in the attached video clip.

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If you have any information on this crime, please contact Detective Will Hollowell at (805) 477-7042.

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 07/18/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Sergeant Ferguson

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**DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint**

7/19/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** 16-107178, 16-107195, 16-107313

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, California

**Date & Time:** July 16, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Lopez, Jesus Jr.	Simi Valley	42
Lopez-Elias, Justo Jose	Thousand Oaks	59
Rodriguez, Larry	Moorpark	48

**Narrative:**

**DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

Newbury Park, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on March 19, 2016, on Newbury Road west of Ventu Park Road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., and Borchard Road west of Theresa Drive between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Mr. Jesus Lopez Jr. was stopped on the 23 freeway while one of the deputies was on his way to the checkpoint. Mr. Lopez displayed a driving pattern consistent with someone driving under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Justo Lopez-Elias was contacted as he drove through the checkpoint and determined to be under the influence of alcohol. After DUI investigations, both were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and having a blood alcohol level over .08.

Mr. Larry Rodriguez was arrested for an out of county traffic warrant. He was cited and released from the checkpoint scene.

381 Vehicles Screened

2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested

0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested

0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)

1 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

3 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

3 Citations issued

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on August 13, 2016 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Media Release Date:** July 19, 2016

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**Approved by:**

Captain Patti Salas

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Highway Sign Dedicated to Deputy Peter Aguirre, Jr.  
7/19/2016 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Highway Sign Dedicated to Deputy Peter Aguirre, Jr.

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Highway 33 at Ojai Avenue

**Date & Time:**

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ojai Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Resolution 142 (ACR-142) to dedicate a portion of State Route 33 in honor of Ventura County Deputy Sheriff Peter Aguirre, Jr. The portion of State Route 33 from Ojai Avenue to Fairview Road will be known as 'Ventura County Deputy Sheriff Peter Aguirre, Jr. Memorial Highway.'

Deputy Aguirre was tragically killed on July 17, 1996 while investigating a domestic disturbance in the Ojai Valley community of Meiners Oaks. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incident. The man responsible for Deputy Aguirre's death is currently on California's death row.

Deputy Aguirre was a devoted husband and father of a two year old daughter at the time of his tragic death. Deputy Aguirre is survived by his wife, Dina and his daughter Gabriella.

The National Latino Peace Officers Association of Ventura County, Assemblyman Das Williams, who authored Assembly Resolution 142, and Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin were instrumental in passing the legislation for the highway sign.

A picture of the replica highway sign is attached. Information will be available about the date and time of the highway dedication at a later time.

**Prepared by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

**News Release Date:** July 19, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian, 805-797-6322  
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**Approved by:**

Sheriff Geoff Dean

Residential Burglary Arrest  
7/19/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-105868  
**Location:** 4000 block of Winterwood Court, Moorpark  
**Date & Time:** 07-14-2016 / 1:43 pm  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol & Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Gomez, Ricardo	Santa Barbara	27

**Narrative:**

On 07-14-2016, at approximately 1:43 pm, the victims arrived home to find a vehicle parked in their driveway that was unknown to them. The victims' garage door was also open. The victims entered their residence and found (S) Ricardo Gomez inside burglarizing their home. One of the victims physically detained Gomez, while the other called 911 to report the incident. Deputies and Detectives from the Moorpark Police Station arrived on scene and took Gomez into custody. The investigation revealed that Gomez had entered the victims' residence through the open garage door. Gomez had searched through several rooms within the residence and was in possession of several items belonging to the victims when he was arrested. Deputies also located a small amount of narcotics in Gomez' pocket. Gomez was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for violations of PC 459 ' Burglary and PC 11377(a) ' Possession of a controlled substance.

The Moorpark Police Department would like to remind members of the public that if you believe your home has been burglarized or you believe someone is inside your home illegally, please move to a safe location and immediately report the incident to law enforcement.

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**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments "Coffee with the Chiefs" Community Outreach Program  
7/19/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments 'Coffee with the Chiefs' Community Outreach Program  
**Location:** The Oaks Mall, 350 W Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday August 9th, 2016 2:00 PM ' 4:00 PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service while the Fire Protection District had approximately 12,000 responses. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. Your Fire Protection District has numerous stations throughout your community to enhance their availability to each region. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chiefs. On Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM your Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Fire Chief Ted Smith will be at The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf inside the Oaks Mall.

What's on your mind' The chiefs want to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the chiefs has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Hagel and Chief Smith will be present from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Patti Salas

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Request for Public Assistance in Suspect Identification  
7/21/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Request for Public Assistance in Suspect Identification

**Report Number:** #16-80105

**Location:** 1282 Newbury Road Newbury Park

**Date & Time:** 05-29-16 @ 0530 am.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Detective Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

On 05-29-16, at about 0530 am., an unknown male suspect and unknown female suspect attempted to break into Regan Motors at 1282 Newbury Road in Newbury Park. The two suspects were also involved in burglarizing vehicles in the sales lot and vehicles parked in a neighboring business. The male suspect appears to be wearing a law enforcement-type badge during the commission of the crime. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the two burglary suspects in the attached photographs.

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If you have any information on this crime, please contact Thousand Oaks Detective Christopher Zapata at (805) 494-8221 or at [Christopher.Zapata@ventura.org](mailto:Christopher.Zapata@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Detective Christopher Zapata (805) 494-8221

**Media Release Date:** 07-21-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Timothy Lohman (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain Bonfiglio

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**crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).**

**###**

**Nature of Incident:** Juvenile Overdose/ Arrest of Narcotics Dealer

**Report Number:** 16-82989

**Location:** Ventura County Main Jail

**Date & Time:** 7/21/2016, 1100 hours

**Unit Responsible:** Sheriff's East County Narcotics Team

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Juvenile	Thousand Oaks	16
(V) Juvenile	Thousand Oaks	17
(S) Noriega, Kevin	Thousand Oaks	23

**Narrative:**

On 7/21/2016, investigators with the Sheriff's East County Narcotics Team arrested Kevin Noriega, age 23, for violations related to an incident where a male juvenile overdosed on heroin purchased from Noriega. Noriega was arrested at the Todd Road Jail facility where he was in custody on a separate criminal case related to this investigation.

On 5/31/2016, deputies with the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a call of an overdose victim in the 200 block of Mariposa Drive. Deputies, county fire and paramedics arrived at the location and discovered a 16-year-old male who had overdosed on heroin.

Paramedics evaluated the victim and determined he was unconscious, unresponsive, had labored breathing and his condition was rapidly declining. Paramedics administered medication to counter the effects of the heroin, which helped stabilize him. Based on the circumstances and the victim's condition at the time, paramedics felt the victim's overdose would have resulted in death without their intervention. The victim was transported to Los Robles Medical Center for further medical treatment. He was admitted to the hospital for several days and eventually released.

Investigators with the Sheriff's East County Narcotics Team conducted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the overdose. After a lengthy investigation which included numerous interviews and the collection of several pieces of evidence, investigators identified Kevin Noriega as the person who sold the victim heroin just before the overdose.

Investigators spent several days trying to locate Noriega. On 6/3/2016, investigators conducted surveillance on Noriega's residence in the 500 block of Lynnwood Street in the city of Thousand Oaks. During the surveillance, they saw Noriega leave his house and meet with a second subject in the street. They contacted both subjects and determined the second male was a 17-year-old juvenile who had just purchased an amount of heroin from Noriega. Investigators

seized the heroin and the money used for purchase. .

Investigators searched Noriega's residence and located several grams of heroin, prescription medications, and packaging material used to package the heroin for sale.

Noriega was arrested for furnishing a controlled substance to a minor, two counts of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of brass knuckles. He was booked at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility

The juvenile was released to his parents.

Over the next several weeks, investigators worked on completing the overdose investigation. Investigators worked with the Sheriff's Crime Lab to have the evidence processed and with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office regarding the filing of the case against Noriega.

On 7/21/2016, Noriega was charged and booked for, furnishing a controlled substance to a minor, inflicting great bodily injury while committing a felony, and child endangerment. He is scheduled to appear in the Ventura County Superior Court on 7/25/2016.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jose Rivera

**Media Release Date:** 7/22/2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

Motorcycle Safety Operation  
7/22/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Motorcycle Safety Operation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** July 24, 2016, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

## **Improving Motorcycle Safety Aim of Thousand Oaks Police Department Operation**

*Careless motorists as well as riders get special scrutiny*

In an effort to decrease deaths and injuries, the Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on July 24, 2016. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be cracking down on both those operating regular vehicles and motorcycles when violations of traffic safety laws occur.

Motorcycle fatalities jumped dramatically in California by over 28 percent from a decade low of 352 in 2010. In 2013, 453 motorcyclists lost their lives, which is at a five year high. California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved crashes include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs by both riders and drivers alike.

Operations like this are aimed at curbing such rises in motorcycle deaths and sending the numbers lower. Over the course of the past three years in the city of Thousand Oaks alone, motorcycle involved collisions have resulted in four fatalities and six other riders were injured.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> of this year, a local motorcycle rider was involved in a collision when he failed to negotiate a turn on State Route 23 south of Potrero Road and fell. Although he was wearing a helmet, the rider still received moderate injuries.

Safety tips for riders ' See and Be Seen:

  } Use your lane position to increase visibility; change lanes only when there is ample

- room
- } Match your speed to surrounding traffic
- } Always wear a DOT compliant helmet and brightly colored, protective clothing
- } Ride with lights on during daylight hours

Safety tips for drivers ' Share the Road:

- } Look twice for motorcyclists, especially when entering the roadway, turning or changing lanes
- } Motorcyclist are allowed in HOV lanes unless prohibited by signage

Riders are urged to get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at <http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/> or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely 'sharing the road.'

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**Media Release Date:** July 22, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Ross Bonfiglio

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###

Fatal Collision / DUI Driver  
7/25/2016 8:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Fatal Collision / DUI Driver  
**Report Number:** RB#16-111489  
**Location:** Rancho Dos Vientos / South of Via Bonita, Newbury Park  
**Date & Time:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 7:13 PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Zachary Allen Crook	Thousand Oaks, CA	30 yrs.
(A) Josue Arturo Hernandez	Mission Hills, CA	19 yrs.

**Narrative:**

On Sunday, July 24, 2016, at approximately 7:13 PM, a convertible Porsche Boxster was traveling southbound on Rancho Dos Vientos south of Via Bonita. The vehicle failed to negotiate a turn, leaving the roadway, striking a small tree. The vehicle continued southbound, coming to rest after colliding with a second larger tree.

Nearby citizens helped to remove the driver from the vehicle. Initially, he did not appear injured, and was later transported to Los Robles for precautionary measures.

As the passenger side of the vehicle struck the tree, the passenger, Zachary Crook was trapped inside and extracted by members of the Ventura County Fire Department. He suffered major injuries and was transported to Los Robles Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

On Monday, July 25, 2016, upon his release from Los Robles Hospital, Josue Arturo Hernandez, 19 yrs., was arrested by the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau for 191.5 CVC / Vehicular Manslaughter and 23153(a) CVC / Felony Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was transported to the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility and booked without incident.

At this time, the collision is under investigation. Alcohol and excessive speed are factors in the collision. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271.

As a sad reminder, the Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau urges members of our community that if you drink, please Don't Drive, and use alternate methods of travel to return home safely.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. B. Payton

**Media Release Date:** July 25, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Hartmann

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###

Public's Assistance Requested To Identify Burglary Suspect  
7/26/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Publics Assistance Requested to Identify Burglary Suspect  
**Report Number:** 16-98130 / 16-98140  
**Location:** 400 block East Avenida De Los Arboles & 400 block of North Moorpark Road  
**Date & Time:** 07-01-16 @ 0213 am / 7-01-16 @ 0537 am  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Detective Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) unknown		

**Narrative:**

On July 01, 2016, officers with the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to two separate pharmacies that had been burglarized in the city of Thousand Oaks.

During the investigation, officers learned a lone male suspect forced entry into the two pharmacies on the same date and within hours of each other. Once inside the pharmacies, the suspect removed several medications from locked cabinets. The suspect then exited the pharmacies.

The suspect was captured on surveillance video during both burglaries. In the first burglary, the suspect was wearing dark colored Docker style pants and windbreaker jacket. During the second burglary, the suspect wore a white jumpsuit over his clothing and his face was covered with what appeared to be a nylon stocking. The suspect is described as an African-American male, with a beard, approximately 6'00' to 6'05' and about 170 to 200 lbs. He is believed to be in his late forties to early fifties and walked partially hunched over with a distinctive gait. This investigation has revealed the same suspect was possibly involved in both burglaries.

Southern California is currently experiencing a sharp increase in the amount of pharmacy burglaries. Since the beginning of 2016, there have been over 100 pharmacy burglaries in the Southern California area. More than 20 of these burglaries have occurred within Ventura County. Burglars who target pharmacies typically sell the stolen narcotics, causing powerful prescription narcotics to inundate the illegal drug market. Investigators from the Thousand Oaks Police Department are currently working with several agencies both in and outside of Ventura County in a cooperative effort to identify the suspect (s) involved in these crimes.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the burglary

suspect in the attached photographs. If you have any information on this crime, please contact Thousand Oaks Detective Laura Natoli at (805) 494-8226 or at [Laura.natoli@ventura.org](mailto:Laura.natoli@ventura.org).

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public for their ongoing support and diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships.

**Prepared by:** Detective Laura Natoli (805) 494-8221

**Media Release Date:** July 26, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Timothy Lohman (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** July 28, 2016, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

### **Traffic Enforcement Operations Planned for Thousand Oaks**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will step up pedestrian safety enforcement operations this Thursday with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists and pedestrians. Routine traffic patrols will focus efforts in trouble spots while special directed patrols will also be deployed to crackdown on drivers and pedestrians who violate basic traffic laws.

The Department has mapped out locations over the past three years where pedestrian involved collisions have occurred along with the violations that led to those crashes. Officers will be looking for traffic offenses made by drivers and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks or any other dangerous violation. Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Thousand Oaks Police Department has investigated 87 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians during the past three (3) years. In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrian deaths that year while nationally; 4,743 pedestrians were killed.

A national study reveals that pedestrians and drivers do not obey laws and signals consistently and many often use cell phones, text and listen to music while walking or driving. Only 60 percent of pedestrians said they expected drivers to stop when they were in crosswalks, even though they have the right-of-way. The following safety tips can save lives and stop this tragedy witnessed far too often in Thousand Oaks:

Drivers can:

- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions such as at night or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Stop at the crosswalk stop line to give drivers in other lanes an opportunity to see and yield to the pedestrians too.
- Be cautious when backing up ' pedestrians, especially young children, can move across your path. See [www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm)

Pedestrians can:

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road, cross at crosswalks or intersections, and obey signs and signals.
- Walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible if there is no sidewalk.
- Pay attention to the traffic moving around you. This is not the time to be texting or talking on a cell phone.
- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials (or use a flashlight) at night.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**News Story Date:** July 27, 2016

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**Approved by:** Ross Bonfiglio, Captain

**Multi-location search warrant on marijuana cultivation sites**

7/30/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Multi-location search warrant on marijuana cultivation sites

**Report Number:** 16-113603 / 16-113605

**Location:** 3600 block Grand Avenue, unincorporated area of Fillmore  
2500 block Grand Avenue, unincorporated area of Fillmore

**Date & Time:** July 29, 2016 9:25 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
Ventura County Narcotics Task Force  
Oxnard Police Department  
Fillmore Police Department  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

(S) Names withheld

**Narrative:**

On 7/29/16, at about 9:25 AM, Narcotics Investigators served a two location search warrant in the unincorporated area just outside the City of Fillmore. These locations consisted of two large properties, one in the 3600 block of Grand Avenue and the other in the 2500 block of Grand Avenue. The search warrant was in regards to citizen complaints about suspected cultivation of marijuana at each location.

At the location in the 3600 block of Grand Avenue, investigators located five plots of land which contained a total of seven large greenhouses with an elaborate electrical and plumbing setup, several conex boxes and trailers being used as living quarters. Each greenhouse was set up specifically for the cultivation of marijuana and the conex boxes were being used for the storage and processing of harvested marijuana. Investigators located over 2,700 marijuana plants in various stages of growth from inside the greenhouses and outdoor grows along with over 100 pounds of processed marijuana.

A group of people located on the property were interviewed. Investigators determined that they were not in compliance with California State law in regards to the cultivation of marijuana. All persons involved in the cultivation of marijuana appeared to have made no attempt to comply with any of the applicable medical marijuana laws. The owner of the land was not located on the property and failed to come forward.

One plot of land contained about 200 marijuana plants growing outdoors. A person responsible

for this outdoor grow site came forward. Investigators learned that this outdoor grow site was unrelated to the other four plots of land. Documentation was provided which indicated all California medical marijuana laws were being followed and the cultivation was in compliance.

All marijuana was seized from the four plots that were out of compliance. The seized marijuana has an estimated street value of over 5 million dollars. The marijuana in compliance at the smaller outdoor lot was not seized.

At the location in the 2500 block of Grand Avenue, investigators located one large greenhouse and one conex box. Marijuana was being cultivated inside of the greenhouse and at an outdoor grow site along a natural stream bed. Investigators located over 1,100 marijuana plants and over 50 pounds of processed marijuana. Investigators also located indicia of sales, loaded firearms and an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency.

Two people located on the property were interviewed. Investigators learned that these persons were not compliant with California medical marijuana laws. Investigators also located water pipes leading from the cultivation site up to the nearby mountain range. A natural source of water was located in which a makeshift dam had been constructed to pool the natural water in order to divert it for use in the cultivation of marijuana. The Department of Fish and Wildlife responded to evaluate the effect of the water diversion on the environment. They determined that the dam has caused substantial damage to the mountain's ecosystem and has caused instability to the mountain's soil.

All marijuana was seized from this location. The seized marijuana has an estimated street value of over two million dollars.

An investigation is continuing into both locations. At this time, the names of the suspects are not being released.

The cultivation of medical marijuana is permissible under California law when done properly. California medical marijuana laws specify what qualified patients may and may not do as it applies to the possession, transportation and cultivation of marijuana for medicinal purposes. The law is quite simple to follow when an honest effort is made. Narcotics investigators follow and comply with Proposition 215 (Compassionate Use Act), Senate Bill 420 (Medical Marijuana Program Act) and the Attorney General Guidelines. The Attorney General Guidelines provide a relatively easy to follow set of guidelines which law enforcement follow for enforcement guidance and the general public may review to verify if they are in compliance or not. These guidelines may be accessed at the following website: [http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org/sourcefiles/Brown\\_Guidelines\\_Aug08.pdf](http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org/sourcefiles/Brown_Guidelines_Aug08.pdf).

The Ventura County Narcotics Task Force is made up of detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Oxnard Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and the Army National Guard. These detectives work cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Detective James Langford

**Media Release Date:** July 30, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Langford  
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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

**Suspect Arrested in Thousand Oaks Gateway Sign Vandalism**

7/30/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Suspect Arrested in Thousand Oaks Gateway Sign Vandalism

**Report Number:** 16-109532

**Location:** 35000 Block of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street East, Palmdale, CA

**Date & Time:** July 29, 2016 at 8:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** The Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, Investigations Bureau, Directed Enforcement Unit, the Sheriff's Intelligence and Crime Analysis Units

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Yescas, Nicolas	Palmdale, CA	24

**Narrative:**

During the early morning hours of July 21, 2016, vandals spray painted graffiti on the City of Thousand Oaks sign located north of the 101 freeway near the Westlake Boulevard off-ramp. The graffiti consisted of the letters 'WUC' and covered the entire sign, which is approximately 10 feet tall and 40 feet wide. Nationally, vandalism causes more than \$12 billion in damage each year.

Investigators with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit, with the assistance of allied agencies, immediately began an extensive investigation into who committed this crime. The Special Enforcement Unit and the Sheriff's Office Criminal Intelligence Unit quickly uncovered evidence that 'WUC' has two possible meanings: 'Wreckin' Ur City' and 'Wake Up Crew.' Investigators identified Nicolas Yescas as a suspect in the crime.

On the morning of July 29, 2016, officers from the City of Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement and Directed Enforcement Units served a search warrant at Yescas' residence in Palmdale, CA. Evidence connecting Yescas to the vandalism was located and he was arrested for Felony Vandalism. Yescas was booked into the Ventura County Jail pending arraignment on August 2, 2016. His bail was set at \$10,000.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. John Wright

**Media Release Date:** July 30, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. John Wright (805) 797-7128

**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Thousand Oaks Jewelry Store Robber Arrested**  
8/1/2016 6:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest Made in Shooting & Robbery at Thousand Oaks Jewelry Store

**Report Number:** 16-54008

**Location:** 5900 block Sky Point Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

**Date & Time:** July 14, 2016, at 3:00 P.M.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes' Bureau, Thousand Oaks Patrol, Thousand Oaks Investigation Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department and Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Maurice Albert Haley	Los Angeles	23

**Narrative:**

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at about 1:15 pm, deputies with the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a call of a 'Shots Fired' in the Oak Brook Shopping Plaza, specifically at Albert's Jewelry Store. When deputies arrived, they confirmed a robbery had occurred at Albert's Jewelry Store and the suspect(s) had fled the scene.

The initial investigation revealed at least two suspects entered the store and one exchanged gunfire with a store employee. The exchange of gunfire resulted in an injury to the suspect. Through DNA evidence collected at the scene, Maurice Haley was identified through the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) as the suspect who had been shot and injured at the scene.

Over the past few months, investigators with the Sheriff's Major Crimes' Bureau conducted an extensive investigation and worked in collaboration with several other law enforcement agencies throughout California and Nevada to locate Maurice Haley. Maurice was ultimately located hiding in an apartment in northern Las Vegas, Nevada.

On July 14, 2016, at about 3:00 pm, Haley was taken into custody without incident by the Las Vegas Metro Police Department. Haley was booked on an outstanding arrest warrant for PC 245 (a)(2)/ Assault with a Deadly Weapon and PC 211 / Robbery. His bail was set at \$750,000.00.

Haley is a documented gang member out of Los Angeles. Haley has prior robbery convictions in 2008 and 2010 in Los Angeles County and convictions for PC 12025(B)(4) / Prohibited person in possession of a firearm, PC 12031(A)(2)(F) ' Carry / Conceal Loaded Firearm in 2011.

Over recent years, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the number of out of area gang members who have victimized residents in Ventura County. Residents should know that the Ventura County Sheriff's Office collaborates with other adjacent law enforcement

agencies to investigate and solve crime.

Haley made his first appearance in Ventura Superior Court this morning. His arraignment was continued until tomorrow, August 2, 2016, in Court room #12, at 9:00 A.M. Haley is currently still in custody.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Mark Gillette

**News Release Date:** August 1, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Steve Michelac (805) 384-4732

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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**###**

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff's Office Deploys Body Worn Cameras

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Contract Cities and Unincorporated County Jurisdictions

**Date & Time:** August 2, 2016

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the purchase, acquisition and deployment of body worn cameras in Sheriff jurisdictions, including the contract cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai and Oaks.

The Sheriff's Office began researching body worn camera and storage systems in June 2014. It was a long process; however, body cameras and data storage are costly and the department wanted to invest in the most cost effective option available that would provide the best quality product and meet our needs for data storage.

During the month of July 2016, the Sheriff's Office began training deputies on the use of the Axon Body Worn Camera manufactured by TASER International. On August 1, 2016, deputies were authorized to wear the cameras while on patrol. The Sheriff's Office will issue body worn cameras to all personnel on patrol related assignments, including traffic enforcement and school resource officers.

We live in a world of digital media, and cameras have become commonplace. With the deployment of body worn camera technology in the communities we serve, the Sheriff's Office looks forward to maintaining an environment of transparency and trust. While the cameras provide an enhanced means of evidence collection, they also provide increased accountability on both sides of the badge.

**Prepared by:** Cory Rubright, Captain

**News Release Date:** August 2, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Cory Rubright  
(805) 388-5104

**Approved by:** Assistant Sheriff Steve DeCesari

**Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit Arrest Trio for Prescription Drug and Cocaine Sales**

8/4/2016 4:01:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Prescription Drug and Cocaine Dealers Arrested

Report Number: 16- 109281

Location: 7200 block of Hazeltine Ave, Los Angeles, CA

Date & Time:

August 3, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent City of Residence Age

(S) Daniell Sutton Los Angeles 26

(S) Ezkieh Gamboa Los Angeles 29

(S) Haroutyoun Khardalyan Los Angeles 28

Narrative:

On August 3, 2016, the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) concluded a one month narcotics dealing investigation with the arrest of Daniell Sutton, Ezkieh Gamboa, and Haroutyoun Khardalyan.

In July of 2016, the PCU learned the above three individuals were suspected of being involved in the sales of pharmaceutical drugs and cocaine and that their customers were primarily from Los Angeles and Ventura County.

On August 3, 2016, the three individuals were stopped in the city of Los Angeles on their way to a drug deal. Their vehicle was searched. Prescription pills, several ounces of cocaine, and over \$35,000 in suspected drug proceeds were found along with a handgun. Sutton's residence, located in the 7200 block of Hazeltine Ave, was also searched and several hundred pills and doses of prescription drugs, approximately \$5000 in suspected drug proceeds, and another handgun were recovered.

All subjects were booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail on the charges of possession for sales of narcotics, sales of narcotics, and conspiracy. Additional weapons charges are pending. All three have bail set at \$200,000 with a court date of August 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 13.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

The Simi Valley Police Department Narcotics Unit, the Ventura Police Department, and the Thousand Oaks Police Department Directed Enforcement Team assisted in the investigation.

Prepared by: Sergeant Victor Fazio

News Release Date: August 4, 2016

Media Follow-Up Contact: Detective James Dykes

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Approved by: Captain Robert Thomas

###

**Camarillo Hot Prowl Burglars Quickly Arrested**  
8/10/2016 2:49:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Hot Prowl Residential Burglars Arrested

**Report Number:** 16-120057

**Location:** 1700 Block of Calle Tierra Vista, Camarillo, CA

**Date & Time:** August 10,2016 at 3:57 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Patrol / Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail / Camarillo Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (A)rrested ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>
(A) Jesus Adan Fabian	Oxnard
(A) Gilberto Zuniga	Oxnard
(A) Juliet Maria Marcos	Oxnard

**Narrative:**

On August 10, 2016, Camarillo Patrol deputies responded to a 'hot prowl' burglary in progress and arrested three suspects.

On August 10, 2016, at 3:57 A.M., residents in the 1700 block of Calle Tierra Vista reported seeing subjects with flashlights in their backyard. Camarillo patrol deputies arrived to the location within minutes and contacted Juliet Marcos sitting in a vehicle in front of the residence. While the deputy was contacting Marcos, Jesus Fabian stepped out of the driver's seat of a car parked down the street. This vehicle belongs to another victim in the neighborhood.

Deputies determined both Marcos and Fabian were suspects and secured them in handcuffs and placed them in the back seat of two separate patrol cars. A short time later a third suspect, Zuniga, was observed running up the street towards the deputies. The deputies chased and eventually captured Zuniga a short distance away. As this occurred, Fabian kicked the window out of the patrol vehicle he was secured. He was able to flee the area by running through several residential backyards.

A patrol K9 unit, the sheriff's helicopter and several detectives responded to the location and quickly set up a perimeter. The sheriff's helicopter was able to locate Fabian hiding in brush, with the use of FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Radar), and directed the K9 unit and deputies to his location where he was arrested without incident.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that Zuniga entered a second occupied home, but he was scared off after the homeowner confronted him. There were no injuries reported by any of the victims.

Zuniga, Marcos and Fabian were arrested and booked for conspiracy and burglary. Zuniga was

also charged with the second burglary. Additional charges for Fabian included resisting arrest and vandalism to the police car. They were all booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and their bail has not yet been set. The investigation is ongoing.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Pete O'Sullivan

**News Release Date:** August 10, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Brent Miller @ (805) 388-5116

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

Inmate Death at Todd Road Jail  
8/10/2016 2:18:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Inmate Death  
**Report Number:** 16-120073  
**Location:** Todd Road Jail, 600 Todd Road, Santa Paula, CA  
**Date & Time:** August 10, 2016 / 0638 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**

Female, Age 64

**Narrative:**

The Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau and the Medical Examiner's Office are investigating an inmate death that occurred at the Sheriff's Todd Road Jail Facility on August 10, 2016. The female inmate, who had been in custody since Sunday, August 7, for drug related charges, was found unresponsive in her cell at the time deputies were serving breakfast. Jail medical personnel, and first responders from the Ventura County Fire Department responded immediately and pronounced her death. As a normal course of duties in the jail, deputies had checked her cell hourly since the time she was booked into custody, including throughout the night prior to the time she was found to be unresponsive. She appeared to be sleeping throughout the night. The identity of the woman is being withheld until after notification to her next of kin. More information will follow after additional investigation is completed.

**Prepared by:** Commander Ron Nelson  
**News Release Date:** August 10, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Denise Sliva, 805-947-9258  
**Approved by:** Captain Bill Schierman

**Thousand Oaks Detectives Seek to I.D. Theft Suspect**

8/10/2016 1:06:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Request for Public Assistance in Theft Suspect Identification

**Report Number:** 16-114448

**Location:** 1500 Block of El Cerrito Drive, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** 7/30/16 at approximately 5:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Detective Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Unknown male		18-25

**Narrative:**

In the early morning hours of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, an alert Thousand Oaks resident heard a noise in his driveway and subsequently noticed the passenger side door to his parked vehicle was open. An unknown male suspect exited the vehicle holding the resident's property in his hand. After a brief verbal exchange, the resident took two pictures of the male suspect before the suspect fled the scene.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department is asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspect depicted in the attached image. The male suspect is described as a white male, 18-25 years old with a thin build.

The City of Thousand Oaks has experienced an increase in the amount of vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries in the past few months. The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind the citizens of Thousand Oaks and the surrounding communities to remove any valuable property from their vehicles when left unattended and to ensure their vehicles are locked and secure when parked. Taking these minor precautions can go a long way in the effort to prevent thefts. Property crimes often lead to identity theft.

The public's assistance in identifying the suspect in this case will help deter future crimes. The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Thousand Oaks for their on-going support and diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes.

**Prepared by:** Detective Michael Crone  
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**Media Release Date:** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

Thousand Oaks - Wanted Subject Arrested Following Pursuit  
8/12/2016 9:12:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Wanted suspect arrested after vehicle pursuit in Simi Valley

**Report Number:** RB# 16-121190

**Location:** 600 Block E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley

**Date & Time:** 08/12/16 @ 01:00 PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department, Thousand Oaks Investigations, Moorpark Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Joshua Richard Nation	Newbury Park	34

**Narrative:**

On 8/12/16, Thousand Oaks Police Detectives were investigating a known suspect wanted for several counts of felony identity theft and felony domestic violence. Detectives located suspect Joshua Nation in the city of Simi Valley in the 600 block of East Los Angeles Ave. Detectives observed the suspect enter a silver passenger vehicle.

As a marked Ventura County Sheriff's Office patrol unit attempted to initiate a traffic stop at E. Los Angeles Ave and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Joshua Nation failed to pull over his vehicle and suddenly accelerated proceeding at a high rate of speed eastbound on East Los Angeles Ave. Ventura County Sheriff's marked black and white patrol units initiated a vehicle pursuit. The suspect flagrantly failed to yield to the overhead red and blue lights and sirens and continued eastbound on Los Angeles Ave. traveling in excess of 70 MPH. The suspect ran two red lights at busy intersections.

A Simi Valley Police Department's marked patrol unit observed the same vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed at E. Los Angeles Ave. at Galt St. while observing other patrol units in pursuit. Nation continued at a high rate of speed driving through two additional red lights and nearly colliding with a vehicle passing through the intersection. Due to Nation's erratic driving and risk to the safety of the public, all police units discontinued pursuit of him at Sequoia Ave. Shortly after discontinuing the pursuit, Simi Valley Police discovered the silver vehicle had collided with a cinder block wall on Barnes St. just south of E. Los Angeles Ave.

Witnesses reported Nation ran away from the accident scene and into the backyard of a residence in the 3600 block of Semple St. in Simi Valley.

A Sheriff's helicopter and two Simi Valley Police canine handlers responded. Joshua Nation was located hiding in the locked rear patio area of the residence and was taken into custody. Nation was arrested and later booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for felony evading, hit and run, identity theft and domestic violence.

**Prepared by:** Detective A. Marco #3082

**Media Release Date:** 08/12/16

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**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

Thousand Oaks Police Seek to I.D. Gas Station Robbery Suspect  
8/12/2016 1:45:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Police Seek Public's Help With Identifying Thousand Oaks Gas Station Robbery Suspect

**Report Number:** 16-121063

**Location:** Mobil Gas Station- 942 S. Westlake Boulevard

**Date & Time:** August 11, 2016 at about 11:30 P.M.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
S1 - White Male	Unknown	Unknown

**Narrative:**

On 8-11-16, at about 11:30 P.M., officers assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the Mobil Gas Station located at 942 S. Westlake Boulevard for an armed robbery that had just occurred.

The investigation revealed a male suspect entered the gas station convenience store and approached the victim (lone employee) standing behind the service counter. The suspect displayed what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded money from the employee. The employee backed away from the suspect before the suspect opened the cash register and stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. The suspect left the location in a silver compact sedan.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5'7" to 6' tall and 140 to 160 lbs. The suspect was wearing a white and red baseball cap, light colored shirt, dark pants and shoes. The suspect wore a bandana on the lower part of his face in an effort to conceal his identity. The suspect has tattoos covering his entire left arm.

No persons were injured as a result of the robbery. The suspect is still outstanding. Detectives are requesting the public look closely at the attached surveillance photographs. If anyone has additional information or can possibly identify the suspect they are encouraged to contact Detective Kelly Roark at (805) 947-8261.

**Prepared by:**

Detective Kelly Roark

**Media Release Date:**

August 12, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:**

Detective Kelly Roark - (805)-494-8223 or  
Kelly.Roark@ventura.org

**Approved By:**

Captain Hartmann

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Narcotics Seizure / Arrest  
8/17/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Seizure / Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-123969

**Location:** 3200 Block of Santa Clara Avenue, Nyeland Acres.

**Date & Time:** August 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotic Task Force, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, West County Street Team, Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Jose Ceja	Oxnard	44
(S) Jesus Ceja	Oxnard	30

**Narrative:**

Information about methamphetamine and heroin sales led to the arrest of Jose Ceja for narcotics sales related charges and to the arrest of Jesus Ceja for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

During this investigation, detectives received information Jose Ceja was selling methamphetamine and heroin in the Cities of Oxnard and Ventura. Detectives conducted their investigation and on August 17, 2016 arrested Jose Ceja as he left his residence. Jose Ceja was in possession of over 3 ounces of methamphetamine. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Jose Ceja's residence in the 3200 Block of Santa Clara Avenue in the Unincorporated area of Oxnard and served the search warrant later that same day. Narcotics detectives searched Jose Ceja's residence and located 2 additional ounces of methamphetamine and a  ounce of heroin. Detectives also located a large sum of U.S. currency concealed inside the residence.

The amount of methamphetamine seized would provide over 1400 doses of methamphetamine to a user and had a street value in excess of \$14,000.00. The amount of heroin seized would provide over 150 doses of heroin to a user and had a street value in excess of \$1,500.00. During the service of the search warrant, Jesus Ceja was located on the property and was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Jose Ceja was booked into the Ventura County Jail on charges of being in possession of controlled substances for sale and his bail was set at \$250,000.00. Jesus Ceja was booked into the Ventura County Jail charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance and

was later cited and released.

The West County Street Team is made up of Sheriff's Office narcotics detectives and the Oxnard Police Department narcotics detectives. These detectives work cooperatively in the investigation of narcotics offenses occurring in the western portion of Ventura County.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** August 17, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Lawrence Orie  
805-383-8723

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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**Nature of Incident:** Child Molestation Conviction - 75 years to life sentence

**Report Number:** 13-26808

**Location:** 2000 block of Derby Street, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 11-29-13@ 0800 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes/Sexual Assault Unit, Sheriff's Forensic Science Lab

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(S)Luis Manuel Gonzalez

**City of Residence**

Los Angeles

**Narrative:**

On 11-29-13, while visiting family in the City of Camarillo, S-Gonzalez sexually assaulted a 7 year old victim while family members were also at the home. The Sheriff's Major Crimes/Sexual Assault Unit investigated the crime and discovered there were two additional victims. These cases were investigated and on March 20, 2014, Gonzalez was arrested at his home and booked at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

While Gonzalez remained in custody, detectives located two additional victims, who were no longer living in the county. All five of the victims were minors when they were assaulted by Gonzalez.

On June 16, 2016, during the jury selection process, Gonzalez changed his plea to guilty.

On August 15, 2016, Gonzalez was sentenced to three consecutive 25 years to life terms for a total of 75 years to life sentence.

**Prepared by:** Detective Frances Saleh

**News Release Date:** August 17, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Frances Saleh 805 384-4729  
[Frances.saleh@ventura.org](mailto:Frances.saleh@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Seizure / Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-123969

**Location:** 3200 Block of Santa Clara Avenue, Nyeland Acres.

**Date & Time:** August 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotic Task Force, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, West County Street Team, Oxnard Police Department

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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**Nature of Incident:** DUI/DUID Enforcement Operations

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** July 28, 2016, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

***This Labor Day, Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

### **The Ventura Sheriff's Office Shows Zero Tolerance In Its Goal To End Drunk Driving**

During the up-coming Labor Day weekend, families and friends will be celebrating the end of the summer. Sadly, this festive time has also become a dangerous time for America's roads, as many drunk drivers get behind the wheel after celebrating. For this reason, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office **is** partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to stop drunk drivers and help save lives. The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, runs August 19-September 5, 2016. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for drunk driving. Increased national messaging about the dangers of driving drunk, coupled with sobriety checkpoints and increased officers working DUI Saturation Patrols on the road, aim to drastically reduce drunk driving on our nation's roads.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will deploy DUI/Drivers License checkpoints and special roving DUI Saturation Patrols to stop and arrest alcohol and drug impaired drivers during the summer 18 day DUI campaign.

#### **DUI Saturation Patrols**

- } August 19, 2016
- } August 20, 2016
- } August 26, 2016
- } September 3, 2016

} September 4, 2016

### **DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints**

} August 20, 2016

} August 27, 2016

} September 3, 2016

Police, Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol will be out looking for the tale-tell signs of drunk driving in order to stop and arrest impaired drivers throughout the region.

According to NHSTA, on average, over 10,000 people died each year (2010 to 2014) in drunk-driving crashes nationwide while California recorded 882 deaths. During the 2014 Labor Day holiday weekend (6 p.m. August 29 ' 5:59 a.m. September 2), 40 percent of the fatalities in traffic crashes involved drunk drivers, which was the highest percentage over the five years 2010 to 2014. And nighttime proves to be the most dangerous time to be out on the roads: During the 2014 Labor Day holiday period, 83 percent of drunk-driving crash fatalities occurred between 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. ' as compared to half of all drunk-driving crash fatalities throughout the rest of that year.

Additionally, 40 percent of crash fatalities on Labor Day weekend in 2014 involved drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher), amounting to 162 lives lost nationwide and 20 in California. And we're not just talking about a little bit of alcohol, either. More than a quarter (28%) of the crash fatalities that occurred on Labor Day weekend involved drivers with BACs of .15 or higher'almost twice the illegal limit.

'People need to understand that drunk driving is not only illegal, but it is deadly,' said Thousand Oaks Assistant Police Chief Jim Fryhoff. 'Drunk driving is a massive problem in the United States, with more than 10,000 people dying annually. Drivers need to pay attention to their own driving, but also to others on the road who could be driving drunk,' he added. 'It *is* your business. If you think you see a drunk driver, report them ' call 911.'

The reality is that people aren't invincible. Of the 9,967 people who were killed in impaired-driving crashes in 2014, 64 percent were the drunk drivers themselves. Those 6,391 drunk drivers thought they would make it to their destinations, but they didn't.

'This is important to remember: do not trust yourself when you drink,' added Fryhoff. 'You may think you aren't drunk, but law enforcement will know you are. Law enforcement officers' skills in detecting and identifying drunk drivers have never been better. They will spot you and arrest you.'

The Sheriff's Office reminds everyone:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver.
- Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or 'DDVIP,' free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free

appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

- **DRUGS, MEDICATION & ALCOHOL = CRASHES:** Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take your friend's keys and help your friend make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.

As the summer winds to an end, remember that there's no excuse for drunk or impaired driving. *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*

Funding for the extra DUI enforcement operations is a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

###

**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**News Story Date:** August 19, 2016

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**Approved by:** Jim Fryhoff, Captain

Phone Scam Alert  
8/20/2016 3:16:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Phone Scam

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** 8-20-2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office

<b><u>(S)uspects,</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Unknown	Unknown	Unk.

**Narrative:**

Several Ventura County residents have received phone calls today from a person claiming to be a Ventura County Sheriff's Office employee who demands payment to clear up an outstanding warrant. On most occasions the person asks the payment be made via Green Dot transaction. On a few occasions, the person has left a voice message asking the resident to call back 805-3123-9896. Upon call back, a live person answers the phone 'Sheriff's Department'

These calls are fraudulent and have no connection to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Anyone who receives a phone call from someone demanding payment for an outstanding warrant should report the situation immediately as a crime.

Investigators are working to identify the suspect who made the calls. Anyone with information about the person or group responsible for this scam can contact investigators at the Camarillo Police Department at (805)388-5100.

**Prepared by:** Captain Bill Schierman

**News Release Date:** 8-20-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Watch Commander's Office 662-6755

**Approved by:** TBD

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**Nature of Incident:** Back to School Safety

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** August 22, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

It's that time of year; the first day of school is August 24, 2016. The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind motorists, students and parents to practice basic traffic safety skills when traveling to school. The start of the new school year brings traffic congestion around the schools as well as a rise in pedestrian traffic. We suggest car-pooling or using an alternate drop off and pick up site away from the schools. This will help relieve traffic delays.

The following tips are provided to ensure the safety of the students and serve as a reminder to be vigilant while traveling in a school zone. Parents, please discuss traffic safety with your children whether they are walking, riding a bicycle or being driven to school.

**Pedestrians:**

- When crossing the street, continue to scan both directions for approaching cars.
- Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards.
- Use marked crosswalks and cross at controlled intersections when possible.
- Wear reflective clothing or bright colors so drivers can see you.
- Plan a safe walking route to and from the school or bus stop.
- When waiting for the school bus, stay out of the street and avoid horseplay.

**Bicyclists:**

- If riding a bike, ALWAYS wear a helmet. They are required on all bicycle riders under the age of 18. It's the law.
- Ride on the right side, in the same direction as traffic.
- Walk your bike when crossing the street.
- Know bicycle laws.

**Drivers:**

- Be watchful around schools and bus stops for children in the street. Do not double park.
- Pay attention to crossing guards.
- Watch your speed in school and residential zones (25MPH). Leave early and give yourselves ample time to arrive at your destination.

- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road.
- Do not text or use your cell phone while driving.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully, be observant in all directions.
- Impeding the flow of traffic to wait to enter a school parking lot could result in a citation.
- Do not allow your child to exit the vehicle into traffic lanes; safely drop them off at curbside.

By adhering to the traffic related tips provided, the number of collisions in an around school zones can be reduced. Please drive safely.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department is committed to traffic safety through education and enforcement. From the first day of school and the upcoming weeks ahead, there will be extra uniformed officers by our schools addressing the rules of the road, with emphasis added to distracted drivers and seat-belt violations, as well as pedestrian laws.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** August 22, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Barbara Payton, 805-494-8271  
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**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** City and County areas of Fillmore, Ojai, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark

**Date & Time:** Saturday, August 20, 2016 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit  
Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Unit

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, August 20th, 2016, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of thirty seven (37) registered sex offenders throughout the City and County areas of Fillmore, Ojai, Thousand Oaks, and Moorpark. The compliance checks were part of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Thirty five (35) of the registrants were verified to be in compliance with their registration requirements. One (1) registrant, Robert Chrysler (Age 58) was located in the Ojai area and was found to be out of compliance. He was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for the felony offense of failing to report he had moved. Another (1) registrant was not located because he had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if this registrant is out of compliance.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be conducting similar sweeps on an ongoing basis to verify that registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.

Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Ryan Clark  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau/ Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** August 22, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Ryan Clark / 805-384-4721  
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**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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***###***

DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint  
8/25/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** August 27<sup>th</sup> , 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

**Narrative:**

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years deputies from the Camarillo Police Department have investigated 158 DUI collisions which have claimed 1 life and resulted in another 72 injuries.

Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

The Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Unit with the assistance of the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on August 27<sup>th</sup>2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.

Deputies will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with deputies checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do,

don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Camarillo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** August 25<sup>th</sup> , 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572 ' 805-388-5132,  
william.britt@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Commander Monica McGrath

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###

Request for Public Assistance in Grand Theft Suspect Identification  
8/25/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Request for Public Assistance in Grand Theft Suspect Identification

**Report Number:** 16-126841

**Location:** AT&T 180 North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. 91360

**Date & Time:** 8/21/16 at approximately 1:30 PM.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Detective Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Unknown Male	Unknown	55-65

**Narrative:**

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, at about 1:30 PM, an unknown suspect entered the AT&T store, located at 180 North Moorpark Road, in the city of Thousand Oaks. The suspect was captured on video surveillance concealing merchandise in a shopping bag and leaving the store without paying for the items. The stolen items totaled in excess of \$1000.00.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying this grand theft suspect depicted in the attached images. The suspect is described as a white male, 55-65 years old, 6'0', 180lbs., receding brown hair, a dark colored Hawaiian style shirt, blue jeans and black or brown shoes. If you have any information on this crime, please contact Thousand Oaks Police Detective Michael Purnell at (805) 494-8219.

The public's assistance in identifying the suspect in this case will help deter future crimes. The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Thousand Oaks for their on-going support and diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships.

Join us in the fight on crime following us on Twitter@VENTURASHERIFF, Facebook, Instagram @ VCSHERIFF and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:** Detective Michael Purnell (805) 494-8219

**Media Release Date:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Tim Lohman (805) 494-8232

**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Todd Road Jail Visiting Closed During Parking Lot Construction September 6th through September 27th**  
8/25/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Todd Road Jail Visiting Closed During Parking Lot Construction September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Todd Road Jail 600 South Todd, Road Santa Paula, Ca.

**Date & Time:** 08/25/16 at 4:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Todd Road Jail - Facility Administration

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to inform the public that starting on September 6, 2016 and through September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Todd Road Jail inmate visiting will be closed due to parking lot construction. **Visiting will resume on September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Professional visits with attorney, medical staff or clergy will not be impacted.**

Those professionals needing to visit during construction are asked to park in the designated areas along the roadway. Please keep in mind that during construction there will be limited access to the Public Reception area.

Family and friends wishing to place money on inmate accounts are asked to do so at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura or at the East County Jail in Thousand Oaks (exact change-cash only). However, the Todd Road Public Reception will be open to accept deposits on a limited basis during construction.

Please log on to [www.vcsd.org](http://www.vcsd.org) and click on the 'Inmate Information' tab, on the homepage, for further details regarding inmate visiting.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Mike Harris

**News Release Date:** 08/25/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mike Harris  
(805) 765-0697

**Approved by:** Captain Don Aguilar

**\*\*UPDATE\*\* Todd Road Jail Inmate Visiting to Remain Open During Parking Lot Construction**  
8/29/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** \*\*UPDATE\*\* Todd Road Jail Inmate Visiting to Remain Open During Parking Lot Construction September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Todd Road Jail 600 South Todd, Road Santa Paula

**Date & Time:** 08/29/16 at 4:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Todd Road Jail ' Facility Administration

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Todd Road Jail Facility staff has made arrangements to accommodate inmate visiting schedules during the public parking lot construction. Todd Road Jail Inmate Visiting will be open during regularly scheduled days.

**INMATE VISITING HOURS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED**

The public is asked to park along the roadway in designated areas and not in construction zone areas. There will be designated signs and pedestrian pathways to the Public Reception area. Drop-offs are allowed and encouraged due to the limited available parking.

Family and friends wishing to place money on inmate accounts are asked to do so at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura or at the East County Jail facility in Thousand Oaks (exact change-cash only). The Todd Road Jail Public Reception will be open to accept deposits on a limited basis.

Visit [www.vcsd.org](http://www.vcsd.org) and click on the 'Inmate Information' tab, on the homepage, for further details regarding inmate visiting.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Mike Harris

**News Release Date:** 08/29/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Mike Harris  
805-765-0697

**Approved by:** Captain Don Aguilar

**Results of DUI Court Stakeout Operation**  
8/30/2016 7:06:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Suspended/Unlicensed Driver Court Stakeout Operation

**Report Numbers:** 16-130514, 16-130520

**Location:** Ventura Superior Court (City of Ventura)

**Date & Time:** August 29, 2016, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Marin, Gamal Armando	Oxnard	30
(S) Moore, Walter Derrick	Oxnard	40
(S) Daniel, Rick	Ventura	45

**Narrative:**

## **Thousand Oaks Police Department Announces Results of DUI Court Stakeout Operation**

On August 29, 2016, between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm, officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department conducted an undercover 'Court Stakeout Operation' at the Ventura County Superior Courthouse in Ventura. Officers targeting suspected DUI drivers whose licenses were suspended/revoked or who were unlicensed drivers.

Officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and/or who had been told of their license suspension. Six offenders were followed by officers from courtrooms to their vehicles to ensure that they were not driving. While some offenders complied with the law and had alternate means of transportation, three individuals in court for DUI proceeded to get behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse.

Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers. Those stopped for driving while suspended or unlicensed were issued citations requiring them to make new court appearances.

- 2 Suspended/Revoked
- 1 Unlicensed
- 2 Vehicles towed/impound
- 0 Other crimes committed

Those arrested Monday could face additional jail time, long driver license suspensions, along with other financial consequences including attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the

potential loss of job or job prospects.

DUI Court Stakeout operations, along with regularly scheduled high visibility DUI enforcement, serve as a proven deterrent with the goal of keeping impaired drivers off our roads and heightening awareness among the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

This special DUI operation was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please help the Thousand Oaks Police Department every day of the week. Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 9-1-1!

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**Prepared by:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant

**Media Release Date:** August 30, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Brad Clifton, Sergeant  
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**Approved By:** Jim Fryhoff, Captain

**Brief Pursuit Leads to Recovery of Loaded Firearm**  
8/31/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Brief Pursuit Leads to Recovery of Loaded Firearm

**Report Number:** 16-131549

**Location:** Johnson Drive at Hummingbird St., Ventura

**Date & Time:** 08/31/2016 8:20 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** West County Patrol ' Headquarters Station

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) ' Manual Vincent Tejada	Oxnard	23

**Narrative:**

A Headquarters patrol deputy saw Mr. Tejada make a right turn without stopping for a red light at Telephone Rd. and Johnson Dr. The deputy initiated a traffic stop on Johnson Drive at the Boys and Girls Club. As the deputy approached Mr. Tejada's vehicle, Mr. Tejada rapidly drove away while throwing a large, long metal object out the driver's side window. Because traffic was slowing ahead of him, Mr. Tejada drove south in the northbound lanes of Johnson Drive in order to evade the deputy who was now following in his patrol car. As Mr. Tejada attempted to turn right onto Hummingbird Street, he lost control of his vehicle and collided with a brick wall on the southwest corner of the street. Mr. Tejada then attempted to flee on foot but was stopped by deputies who arrived in the area. He was taken into custody without incident.

Three employees with the City of Ventura Water Department had been in the area of the original car stop near the Boys and Girls Club. They saw Mr. Tejada flee the area in his car and heard the sound of metal skidding on the pavement. They saw the metal object in the street and, recognizing it as a rifle, quickly retrieved it in the interest of public safety. They gave it to Sheriff's deputies who discovered it was a .22 caliber rifle, loaded with 17 rounds of ammunition. The stock of the rifle had been cut down to a 'pistol grip'.

Mr. Tejada, who was discharged from parole in February 2016 after serving a prison sentence for assault with a deadly weapon, was booked at the Main Jail on charges of evading a police officer, felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in public, possessing a short-barreled rifle, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

**Prepared by:** Captain Patti Salas

**News Release Date:** 08/31/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Patti Salas 805 797 6392

**Approved by:** Captain Patti Salas

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**Burglar Caught in the Act by Camarillo Patrol Deputies**  
8/31/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Burglar Caught in the Act by Camarillo Patrol Deputies

**Report Number:** 16-130917, 16-130935, 16-130912, 16-129867

**Location:** 400 Block of Arneill Rd, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** August 30, 2016 at 1:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Patrol and Camarillo Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Propernick, Joseph	Corona	22

**Narrative:**

Early Tuesday morning, Camarillo patrol deputies arrested a suspect during a burglary in progress at a local pharmacy.

On August 30, 2016, at 1:00 AM, Camarillo patrol deputies responded to an alarm call in the 1200 block of Paseo Camarillo. Almost simultaneously, the deputies were summoned to respond to a separate alarm call in the 400 block of Arneill Rd.

The deputies who responded to the Paseo Camarillo alarm call observed that the windows to several local businesses had been smashed, but did not locate any suspects at the scene.

The deputies who responded to the alarm call on Arneill Rd, observed the front window to the pharmacy at the location had been smashed. The deputies saw what appeared to be a flashlight illuminating the interior of the pharmacy. As the deputies approached the front of the business, they encountered (S) Joseph Propernick inside of the business holding a crowbar in one hand and a cellphone, with the flashlight app on, in the other hand. Propernick was also wearing a backpack containing multiple pharmaceuticals that had been stolen from the business. The deputies detained and arrested Propernick without incident.

Camarillo detectives interviewed Propernick and he admitted to the pharmacy burglary and to also burglarizing several businesses in the 1200 block of Paseo Camarillo. Detectives searched Propernick's car and recovered property that was taken from the burglaries on Paseo Camarillo. Detectives also recovered property from a jewelry store burglary that occurred on August 28, 2016 in the City of Camarillo. Propernick admitted to the jewelry store burglary as well.

Propernick was arrested and booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for four counts of commercial burglary and one count of attempted commercial burglary. His bail was set at \$50,000.00.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Pete O'Sullivan

**News Release Date:** August 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Patrick Hawthorne @ (805) 388-5119

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Burglary / Child Pornography / Illegal Video Recording Arrest**  
8/31/2016 6:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Burglary / Child Pornography / Illegal Video Recording Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-99491

**Location:** 400 Block of Ruth Avenue, Moorpark

**Date & Time:** 07/02/2016 @ 9:46 pm

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Department Patrol and Detectives, East County Major Crimes Detectives, Ventura County High Tech Taskforce Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Salgado, Sergio	Moorpark	53

**Narrative:**

On 07/02/2016, a Moorpark resident hosted a birthday party for a young child at their residence. There were numerous family and friends at the party, which included several young and teen aged children. At the conclusion of the party, the Moorpark resident located a small camera recording device that was hidden in the restroom of the residence. The camera was placed in a position to capture images of anyone that used the toilet.

On 07/03/2016, the Moorpark resident called and reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office. Moorpark Station Detectives began investigating the case and were ultimately able to positively identify fourteen different victims that were captured on the camera recording device, four of which were under 18 years of age. The camera device surreptitiously captured video images of the victims in various stages of undress while they were in the restroom.

Detectives were able to positively identify the person that placed the camera recording device in the restroom as (S) Sergio Salgado. On 08/31/2016, at approximately 5:22 am, Salgado was contacted during a traffic stop in Moorpark and arrested for violations of PC 459 ' Burglary, PC 311.11(a) ' Possession of child pornography, and PC 647(j)(3) ' Use of a concealed camera to

secretly record another. Salgado was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura and his bail has been set at \$50,000.00.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Darin Hendren #3693

**News Release Date:** 08/31/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Matt Theobald #3865  
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**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

***Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint - Thousand Oaks  
8/31/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 3, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

### **DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on September 3, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years officers have investigated 305 DUI collisions which have claimed 3 lives and resulted in another 132 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving

(14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Thousand Oaks Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** August 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint  
8/31/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint  
**Report Number:** 16-129899  
**Location:** City of Camarillo  
**Date & Time:** August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 9:00 pm to August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 3:00 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureaus

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Dylan Shriver	Camarillo	26

**Narrative:**

### **DUI Checkpoint Nets 1 Arrest**

Camarillo, CA ' The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau in conjunction with the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau, conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, on Santa Rosa Road south of Los Pueblos Drive from 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

The results of the August 27, 2016 checkpoint were as follows:

- 357 Vehicles Screened
- 1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 2 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

- 10 Citations issued

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Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

###

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt

**Media Release Date:** August 31<sup>th</sup> , 2016

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**Approved By:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Thousand Oaks - Driver Transported to Hospital Following Serious Traffic Collision**  
9/2/2016 8:53:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Serious Traffic Collision  
**Report Number:** 16-132877  
**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** September 2, 2016, 11:50 am  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(P) Heller, Gerald Elliott	Calabasas	75
(P) Anders, Daria	Thousand Oaks	21

**Narrative:**

On September 2, 2016, at approximately 11:50 am, the Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Fire Department and AMR Ambulance responded to Triunfo Canyon Road east of Westlake Boulevard in reference to an injury traffic collision.

Mr. Heller was driving a Lincoln sedan and was traveling westbound on Triunfo Canyon Road approaching Westlake Boulevard when it struck the back of a mini-van which was also westbound on Triunfo Canyon Road. The mini-van, driven by Ms. Anders, was pushed up and over the center median and came to rest in the eastbound lanes on Triunfo Canyon Road. The Lincoln came to rest on top the center median. Each vehicle was occupied only by its driver.

Ms. Anders was treated at the scene for her injuries and released. Mr. Heller was transported to Los Robles Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. The initial investigation suggests Mr. Heller may of have had a medical emergency causing the collision.

The collision is still under investigation by the Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or is aware of anyone that might have been involved in the collision, is asked to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department at (805) 494-8271.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** September 2, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Mike Berg  
[mike.berg@ventura.org](mailto:mike.berg@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

###

Thousand Oaks - Four Arrested Following Gang Investigation  
9/2/2016 3:45:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Four Arrested in Thousand Oaks Gang Investigation

**Report Number:** 16-12317, 16-24280 and 16-131658

**Location:** 1300 Block of East Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks  
100 Block of Conejo School Road, Thousand Oaks  
2700 Block of East Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks  
800 Block of Warwick Avenue, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 2, 2016 / 7:00 A.M.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Special Enforcement and Directed Enforcement Units, Sheriff's Gang Unit and the Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Detail

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Hector Delgado	Thousand Oaks	18
Bryan Pahua	Thousand Oaks	19
Sergio Yudico	Thousand Oaks	20
Nelson Felipe	Thousand Oaks	18

**Narrative:**

The city of Thousand Oaks Police Department has a long standing 'Zero Tolerance' approach to gang activity. During the month of August 2016, members and associates of a Thousand Oaks Criminal Street Gang committed several gang related crimes within the city of Thousand Oaks. These crimes consisted of a robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of dangerous weapons. The Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation and identified several suspects involved with these felonious gang crimes.

On the morning of September 2, 2016, the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement and Directed Enforcement Units, the Sheriff's Gang Unit and Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail served search warrants at three residences in the city of Thousand Oaks. The search warrants yielded evidence related to several gang related crimes and four suspects were arrested. Hector Delgado, Bryan Pahua and Sergio Yudico were all arrested for felony possession of dangerous weapons charges for the benefit of a criminal street gang. Nelson Felipe was arrested for Robbery and Assault with Deadly Weapon charges for the benefit of a criminal street gang. All four were booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention facility.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John Wright

**Media Release Date:** September 2, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sr. Deputy Dillan Alvarez  
(805) 797-7142

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Update to Triunfo Canyon Road Traffic Collision**  
9/3/2016 6:29:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Follow-up to Serious Injury Traffic Collision

**Report Number:** RB# 16-132877

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 2, 2016 11:50 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(P) Gerald Elliott Heller	Calabasas	75

**Narrative:**

Yesterday, at approximately 11:50 am, a traffic collision occurred on Triunfo Canyon Road, east of Westlake Boulevard. The collision involved two vehicles with drivers only. It is believed that one of the drivers, (P) Gerald Elliott Heller, may have suffered a medical emergency leading up to the collision.

Mr. Heller was transported to Los Robles Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Last night, at approximately 10:28 pm, Mr. Heller passed away. The cause of his death has not been determined. At this time, there are no further details, and the investigation is continuing.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant B. Payton  
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**Media Release Date:** September 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant B. Payton

**Approved by:** Captain Todd Inglis

Armed Robbery / Check into Cash  
9/6/2016 6:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Armed Robbery / Check Into Cash

**Report Number:** 16-134748

**Location:** 700 Block Arneill Rd., Camarillo

**Date & Time:** September 6<sup>th</sup> , 2016 @ 11:21 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S1) Unknown		
(S2) Unknown		

**Narrative:**

On September 6, 2016, at approximately 11:21 hours, the Check into Cash located at 704 Arneill Road, Camarillo was robbed. Two suspects entered the store and confronted three employees. One suspect displayed a handgun, battered one victim and demanded money. The suspects fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and were seen getting into a grey four door sedan, which left northbound on Arneill Road.

The first suspect was described as an African American male, in his 20's, approximately 6'3', thin build.

The second suspect was described as a Hispanic male, in his 20's, approximately 5'4", thin to medium build.

The Major Crimes Unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above listed suspects. Any information can be directed to Detective Mark Gillette at 805-384-4727 or Ventura County Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS / [www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org).

**Prepared by:** Detective Mark Gillette

**News Release Date:** September 6, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detectives Mark Gillette or Bill Therrien  
805-384-4727 / 805 -384-4724

**Approved by:**

Captain Melissa Smith

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###

**Motorcyclist Involved in Major Injury Collision Arrested**  
9/6/2016 6:14:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Motorcycle vs. Pedestrian Major Injury Collision

**Report Number:** RB# 16-134477

**Location:** Lynn Road at Boxthorn Avenue, Newbury Park

**Date & Time:** Monday, September 5, 2016 7:00PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(A) Jonathan Deinhard	Camarillo	21
(V) Ellen Tyree	Newbury Park	74

**Narrative:**

On Monday night, September 5, 2016, at approximately 7:00PM, a motorcyclist traveling eastbound on Lynn Road at Boxthorn Avenue, lost control of his motorcycle. The motorcyclist went down; separating from the motorcycle in the east bound lanes of Lynn Road. The motorcycle traveled onto the south sidewalk of eastbound Lynn Road, striking a woman who was walking her dog.

The pedestrian, Ellen Tyree, 74 yrs., was injured by the collision and transported to Los Robles Hospital. She was treated for her injuries and remains in critical condition in the hospital Intensive Care Unit. Her dog, who was also struck by the motorcycle, died at the scene.

The motorcyclist, Jonathan Deinhard, 21 yrs., was treated for minor injuries, and released. He was arrested for 23153 VC / Felony DUI with Injuries. He was booked at the Ventura County Main Jail.

Speed and alcohol are contributing factors in this collision. The Thousand Oaks PD Traffic Bureau wants to remind our community to drink responsibly and don't let others drive when intoxicated. Arrive home safely.

Anyone who may have knowledge of the collision or witnessed the incident, is asked to call the Thousand Oaks PD Traffic Bureau at (805) 494-8271.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant B. Payton  
(805) 797-6438

**Media Release Date:** September 6, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Mike Berg  
805-947-8268

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**###**

**Results of Thousand Oaks DUI & Driver's License Checkpoint**

9/6/2016 6:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** 16-133764,16-133764

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, California

**Date & Time:** September 3, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Suarez, Jonathan	Newbury Park	21
(S) Cruz-Gonzalez, Emilio	Moorpark	31

**Narrative:**

**DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

Newbury Park, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on September 3, 2016, on Hillcrest Drive east of Lynn Road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., and Hillcrest Drive east of Kalinda Place between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Mr. Suarez failed to stop for the checkpoint as required by law. Checkpoint deputies followed and stopped Mr. Suarez a short distance away from the checkpoint and later arrested him for DUI. Mr. Cruz-Gonzales was contacted at the checkpoint and his license had been suspended. He was cited and released from the scene of the checkpoint.

Checkpoint statistics:



418 Vehicles Screened  
1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested  
0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested  
0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)  
0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges  
7 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked  
21 Citations issued

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on September 17, 2016 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

###

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** September 6, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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Armed Felon Arrest  
9/7/2016 11:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Armed Felon Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-135188  
**Location:** Fruitvale Ave. @ Broadway Rd., Moorpark, CA  
**Date & Time:** September 7, 2016 @ 5:40 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(A) Aguilar, Dean	Moorpark	41
(A) Gonzalez, Vanessa	Moorpark	39

**Narrative:**

On 9-7-16, at approximately 5:40 AM, a Moorpark Patrol Deputy observed an occupied vehicle stopped on Fruitvale Ave. near Broadway Rd. in the unincorporated area of Moorpark. The deputy stopped to investigate and contacted the driver, Vanessa Gonzalez. Gonzalez told the deputy her passenger was having a medical emergency. The deputy went to the passenger side and contacted Dean Aguilar. The deputy immediately recognized Aguilar as a parolee whom he has had prior contact with. The deputy requested a backup unit to assist. Aguilar heard the request for backup and told the deputy, 'I have a gun' and 'I'm going to shoot you.' The deputy took cover and waited for additional resources to arrive. The vehicle fled the area and got stuck on a dirt road approximately one mile away from the original contact. Additional patrol resources arrived to assist.

Aguilar then stepped out of the vehicle with a gun and told the deputies, 'Shoot me.' Gonzalez grabbed Aguilar and pulled him back into the vehicle. Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) and a K-9 were deployed and Aguilar was taken into custody. Aguilar sustained minor dog bite wounds and was transported to a local hospital where he was medically cleared. A subsequent investigation revealed the handgun was a replica BB gun and Aguilar may have wanted to commit suicide by cop. A photo of the replica handgun is attached to this News Story.

Aguilar was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for an outstanding felony warrant, criminal threats, brandishing a replica firearm, assault on a police dog, and resisting arrest; bail is set at \$60,000. Gonzalez was arrested for possession of controlled substance, resisting arrest, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Gonzalez' bail had been set at \$5,000.

**Prepared by:** Captain John Reilly

**News Release Date:** September 7, 2016 @ 11:30 AM

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian (805) 797-6322  
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**Approved by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

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###

Armed Robbery / Rabobank  
9/7/2016 11:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Armed Robbery / Rabobank  
**Report Number:** RB# 16-133065  
**Location:** 410 N. Ventura Avenue  
**Date & Time:** September 2, 2016 @ 5:54 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Major Crimes Investigation Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S1) Adult male, light to medium complexion (S2) unknown male		

**Narrative:**

On September 2, 2016, at approximately 5:54 PM, Deputies from the Ojai Valley Patrol Station responded to a 911 call of an armed robbery at the Rabobank, located at 410 N. Ventura Avenue, Ojai.

When deputies arrived, they discovered a single male suspect entered the bank, displayed a handgun and demanded cash. Employees complied with his order and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect fled the bank and entered an awaiting vehicle parked nearby.

An alert passerby observed the suspect flee the bank and get into a red SUV, driven by another suspect. As the red SUV began to flee the area, it was involved in a minor traffic collision with the passerby's vehicle.

Deputies were able to ascertain the vehicle description and direction of travel of the SUV. They ultimately located the vehicle abandoned a short distance away on Valley Road. Deputies conducted an extensive search of the area utilizing police canines, but were unable to locate the suspects. A firearm and other evidence believed to be related to the robbery were located near the abandoned vehicle.

The Major Crimes Unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above listed suspects. Any information can be directed to Detective Jarrod Foote 1-805-797-6402 or Ventura County Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS / [www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org).

**Prepared by:** Deputy Robert Shirk

**News Release Date:** September 7, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detectives Ron Chips or Jarrod Foote  
805-765-0617 / 805-797-6402

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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###

Start Smart Program / Camarillo  
9/7/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart Program

**Location:** Camarillo Police Station Community Room

**Date & Time:** Friday, Sept. 30th, 2016, 5:30 p.m. ' 8:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future drivers. This program will take place on Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 5:30PM until 8:30PM at the Camarillo Police Station Community Room.

The 'Start Smart' Program is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Camarillo Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents/guardians.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, Start Smart is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions.

Interested parents are asked to contact Deputy Ben Lopez at (805) 388-5122 for more information. **For reservations, call the Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents/guardians. There is no charge to attend the program.**

**Prepared by:** Deputy Ben Lopez

**News Release Date:** September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt (805) 388-5132

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

***Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s)***

***responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

***###***

**The Parent Project / Camarillo**

9/7/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** The Parent Project 

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Camarillo Police Department

**Date & Time:** Beginning October 3, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department/ Community Resource Unit- Youth Services

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department has a great interest in ensuring children reach their scholastic and personal growth potential. In today's society, children face many obstacles, bad influences, and distractions, which create added difficulties for the parent(s) trying to raise them. Some children engage in harmful behaviors fueled by negative social influences including alcohol, drugs, gangs, and peer pressure.

In furtherance of our commitment to the community, the Camarillo Police Department is offering The Parent Project  Thursday evenings for ten weeks beginning October 3, 2016. Parents experiencing difficult, defiant, or problematic children are encouraged to attend; however, all parents of middle and high school students will also benefit from this course. Our goal is to give parents guidance to help them develop more successful children. We are excited to offer these sessions and truly wish to support parents by offering strategies to deal with difficult children.

The course content consists of methods to address drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, runaways, and violence. Additional content includes guidance in gaining children's compliance of house rules, how to never argue with your child again, and how to use other parents for support. Additional information can be reviewed at [www.parentproject.com](http://www.parentproject.com). This course is free however; there is a \$20 fee for the course workbook. Interested parents can call Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger at (805) 388-5155 for further information. To register for the class, parents are asked to contact the Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. Class size is limited so don't delay and register today.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger

**News Release Date:** September 7, 2016

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**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police Department 'Coffee with the Chief' Community Outreach Program  
**Location:** Newbury Park Library ' 2331 Borchard Rd Newbury Park  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 8:30 AM ' 10:30 AM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chief and on Wednesday, September 21st from 8:30 to 10:30 Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel will be at the Newbury Park Library, 2331 Borchard Rd Newbury Park, Ca

What's on your mind' The chief wants to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the Chief has led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Hagel will be present from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Ed Beauvais (805) 371-8362 / edward.beauvais@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

###

**Nature of Incident:** Vehicle Burglary & Identity Theft / Public's Assistance

**Report Number:** RB #16-124602

**Location:** Matilija Canyon Road / Highway 33  
Ojai, Ca 93003

**Date & Time:** 08/09/2016 @ 12:45 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S1) White Female	Unknown	35-40 yrs
(S2) Hispanic Female	Unknown	20-25 yrs

**Narrative:**

On 08/09/2016 at approximately 12:45 PM, several friends drove and parked their vehicle in the area of Matilija Canyon Road and Highway 33. They parked and locked their vehicle along the roadway and went hiking for a few hours. When the parties returned, they discovered they had been victims of a vehicle burglary. The driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and one of the parties had her purse stolen that contained her credit cards.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. It was discovered that the victim's stolen credit card was used at a Walmart store in the city of Ventura the same day (08/09/2016). Video of the suspects using the stolen credit card was obtained from the Walmart store. Two female suspects are seen in the video using the stolen credit card. In addition, they are seen leaving the store in a white Ford F-150 pick-up truck.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance with possibly identifying these thieves in the attached still photographs of the suspects and their vehicle.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:** Detective Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 09/12/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Sergeant Ferguson

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**Thousand Oaks - Detectives Release Video to Identify Burglary Suspect**

9/13/2016 9:32:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Request for Public Assistance in Burglary Suspect Identification

**Report Number:** #16-119587, #16-129413, #16-131026, #16-132822

**Location:** 2929 Theresa Drive, Newbury Park

**Date & Time:** 08/09/2016 @ 5:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Detective Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Unknown white male		18-24

**Narrative:**

On 08/09/2016 at about 5:00 AM, an unidentified male suspect burglarized the Merry Hall Tree Thrift Shop located at 2929 Theresa Drive (Mary Health of the Sick). The crime was captured on video surveillance. The same suspect returned to the area of the thrift shop again on 08/27, 08/30 and 09/02, at which time the suspect stole several items from the exterior of the business before leaving. These three crimes were all captured on video surveillance as well.

Based upon the video, the suspect appeared to be a white male, about 18-24 years old, approximately 5'7"-5'10", about 140-160 pounds and wearing a collared shirt and tie during the commission of three of the crimes. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the burglary suspect in the surveillance video. The video can be viewed at our department's Facebook page.

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If you have any information on this crime, please contact Thousand Oaks Detective Christopher Zapata at (805) 494-8221 or at [Christopher.Zapata@ventura.org](mailto:Christopher.Zapata@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:**

Detective Christopher Zapata (805) 494-8221

**Media Release Date:** 09-13-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Timothy Lohman (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Motorcycle Safety Operation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 18, 2016, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

## **Improving Motorcycle Safety Aim of Thousand Oaks Police Department Operation**

*Careless motorists as well as riders get special scrutiny*

In an effort to decrease deaths and injuries, the Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on September 18, 2016. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be cracking down on both those operating regular vehicles and motorcycles when violations of traffic safety laws occur.

Motorcycle fatalities jumped dramatically in California by over 28 percent from a decade low of 352 in 2010. In 2013, 453 motorcyclists lost their lives, which is at a five year high. California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved crashes include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs by both riders and drivers alike.

Operations like this are aimed at curbing such rises in motorcycle deaths and sending the numbers lower. Over the course of the past three years in the city of Thousand Oaks alone, motorcycle involved collisions have resulted in four fatalities and six other riders were injured.

Last week, September 5th, a local motorcycle rider was involved in a collision when he failed to negotiate a turn on Lynn Road east of Reino Road and fell. His motorcycle then struck a pedestrian who was walking on the sidewalk, seriously injuring the pedestrian. The motorcycle rider was also injured in the collision.

Safety tips for riders ' See and Be Seen:

- } Use your lane position to increase visibility; change lanes only when there is ample room
- } Match your speed to surrounding traffic
- } Always wear a DOT compliant helmet and brightly colored, protective clothing
- } Ride with lights on during daylight hours

Safety tips for drivers ' Share the Road:

- } Look twice for motorcyclists, especially when entering the roadway, turning or changing lanes
- } Motorcyclist are allowed in HOV lanes unless prohibited by signage

Riders are urged to get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at <http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/> or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely 'sharing the road.'

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** September 19, 2016, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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**Narrative:**

### **Traffic Enforcement Operations Planned for Thousand Oaks**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will step up pedestrian safety enforcement operations this Thursday with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists and pedestrians. Routine traffic patrols will focus efforts in trouble spots while special overtime patrols will also be deployed to crackdown on drivers and pedestrians who violate basic traffic laws.

The Department has mapped out locations over the past three years where pedestrian involved collisions have occurred along with the violations that led to those crashes. Officers will be looking for traffic offenses made by drivers and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks or any other dangerous violation. Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Thousand Oaks Police Department has investigated 84 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians during the past three (3) years. In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrian deaths that year while nationally; 4,743 pedestrians were killed.

A national study reveals that pedestrians and drivers do not obey laws and signals consistently and many often use cell phones, text and listen to music while walking or driving. Only 60 percent of pedestrians said they expected drivers to stop when they were in crosswalks, even though they have the right-of-way. The following safety tips can save lives and stop this tragedy witnessed far too often in Thousand Oaks:

Drivers can:

- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions such as at night or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Stop at the crosswalk stop line to give drivers in other lanes an opportunity to see and yield to the pedestrians too.
- Be cautious when backing up ' pedestrians, especially young children, can move across your path. See [www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/backover.htm)

Pedestrians can:

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road, cross at crosswalks or intersections, and obey signs and signals.
- Walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible if there is no sidewalk.
- Pay attention to the traffic moving around you. This is not the time to be texting or talking on a cell phone.
- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials (or use a flashlight) at night.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**News Story Date:** September 14, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

**Nature of Incident:** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 17, 2016

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**                      **City of Residence**                      **Age**

**Narrative:**

### **DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on September 17, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years officers have investigated 303 DUI collisions which have claimed 3 lives and resulted in another 130 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking

medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Thousand Oaks Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Media Release Date:** September 14, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint  
9/17/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Report Number:** RB# 16-141244 and RB# 16-141296

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, California

**Date & Time:** September 17, 2016, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Tobin, Christopher	West Hills	47
(S) Manroy-Venegas, Neris	Thousand Oaks	40

**Narrative:**

**DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on September 17, 2016, on Avenida De Los Arboles east of Moorpark Road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

During the checkpoint, Mr. Tobin made an illegal u-turn, thus avoiding entering the checkpoint He was contacted by deputies and determined to be driving while impaired. He was arrested for 23152 (a) VC / DUI. Mr. Manroy-Venegas was contacted near the checkpoint after a citizen contacted deputies advising he was driving erratically and almost struck their vehicle. He was arrested for 23152 (a)/(b) VC/ DUI and Blood Alcohol over the legal limit.

Checkpoint statistics:

349 Vehicles Screened  
2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested

0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested  
0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)  
0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges  
0 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked  
3 Citations issued.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to 'Map a Spot' with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a 'List of Spots' to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb ' all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

With the upcoming holiday season, the Thousand Oaks Police Department will be diligently enforcing our distracted driver laws in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant B. Payton

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**Felon Arrested & 18 Illegally Possessed Firearms Seized**  
9/17/2016 2:39:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Felon in Possession of Firearms Arrest

**Report Number:** RB# 16-137759

**Location:** 20000 Block of South Mountain Road, Unincorporated Santa Paula  
100 Block of Encino Avenue, City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 09/14/16 @ 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Gang Unit, Sheriff's SWAT team, Ventura Police Department SWAT team, Simi Valley Police Department SWAT team, Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Sheriff's Tactical Negotiations Unit, Sheriff's Technical Services Unit, and the Ventura County Fire Department.

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Hedrick, Bryan	Santa Paula	48

**Narrative:**

During the month of September, the Sheriff's Gang Unit received information that Bryan Hedrick was in possession of numerous rifles, shotguns, and handguns. Bryan Hedrick was previously convicted of California Penal Code section 246, shooting at an occupied vehicle where the person in the vehicle sustained a gunshot injury. In the State of California, persons convicted of a felony are prohibited from possessing / having access to / or control of any type of firearms or ammunition.

On 9/14/16, the Sheriff's SWAT team assisted by Ventura Police Department SWAT, Simi Valley Police SWAT, Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Sheriff's Tactical Negotiations Unit, and Ventura County Fire Department jointly executed a search warrant at a residence in the 20000 block of South Mountain Road. The SWAT teams were used to serve the search warrants due to Bryan Hedrick's violent history and his access to high caliber rifles. During the search, twelve firearms including an AK-47 style assault rifle, over 1000 rounds of ammunition, large capacity magazines, over a pound of marijuana were found inside the location and seized as evidence.

The Sheriff's Gang Unit obtained information of a second location where Hedrick stored more firearms. The Sheriff's Gang Unit obtained a search warrant for the second location, located in the 100 block of Encino Avenue, Camarillo. During that search warrant, another six rifles and additional ammunition were located. Two of the rifles located were semi-automatic assault weapons.

Several days later, Bryan Hedrick was located and arrested by Sheriff's Gang Unit investigators in the San Diego area. During the arrest, Hedrick was found with 5.2 grams of methamphetamine in his possession. Hedrick was arrested for the felonious charges of PC 29800 ' Felon in Possession of Firearms, PC 27545 ' Unlawful Transfer of Firearms, .PC 30305 ' Felon in Possession of Ammunition, PC 30605 - Possession of Assault Rifles, PC 32310 ' Large Capacity Magazines, and HS 11359 ' Possession of Marijuana For Sale. Hedrick was

transported back to Ventura County and remains in custody with a bail set in the amount of \$500,000.

Any persons that have previously been convicted of a felony, or certain misdemeanors involving violence or domestic violence, are required to surrender their firearms to law enforcement or legally transfer them. Information about this process can be obtained by contacting the Sheriff's Gang Unit Office at 805-654-2856.

Anyone with any further information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective Doug Gojkovich at 805-654-3548 or email [douglas.gojkovich@ventura.org](mailto:douglas.gojkovich@ventura.org).

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**News Release Date:** 09/16/16

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**Approved by:** Captain Patti Salas

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Sisar Canyon - Overdue Hiker Found Safe  
9/18/2016 7:57:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Overdue Hiker Found Safe

**Nature of Incident:** Overdue Hiker Found Safe

**Report Number:** 16-141192

**Location:** Sisar Canyon

**Date & Time:** September 17, 2016 @ 9:40 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Aviation Unit, Upper Ojai Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Fillmore Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Major Crime Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>
Adult Female	Oxnard

**Narrative:**

On Saturday September 17, 2016, at approximately 9:40 PM, a family member contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and reported her mother was overdue from a day hike in the area of Sisar canyon. Patrol resources located the hiker's vehicle on Sisar Road at the trailhead. The Sheriff's Aviation unit conducted an aerial search of the area using night vision goggles with negative results. The Upper Ojai and Fillmore Search and Rescue teams were activated and conducted a ground search.

On Sunday, September 18, 2016, at approximately 1:00 PM, the lost hiker was located by two people who were hunting in the area. One of the hunters was able to contact Sheriff's dispatch and report the lost hiker's location. The Sheriff's Aviation unit conducted a hoist operation and transported the hiker to a landing zone where she was released to her family. After speaking with hiker, it was determined she made a wrong turn and became lost. The hiker had minor cuts and scratches but was in good spirits.

The hiker is to be commended for contacting a friend prior to hiking about her planned route and return time. This information assisted patrol resources in quickly locating the hiker's vehicle and establishing a starting point for the search.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind anyone enjoying the back county to be prepared for even the easiest of hikes. The 'Ten Essentials' to take when hiking are Map, GPS, Sunglasses and Sunscreen, Extra Clothing, Flashlight, First-Aid Supplies, Fire Starter, Matches, Knife, and Extra Food and Water. Also file a hiking plan with someone who will be able to contact rescue resources in the event you do not return at your planned time. A hiking plan can be found at [www.ojaisar.org](http://www.ojaisar.org)

**Prepared by:** Deputy Scott Baugher, Search and Rescue Liaison

**News Release Date:**

September 18, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:**

Deputy Scott Baugher  
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**Approved by:**

Captain Bill Schierman

**Body Scanner Prevents Narcotics From Being Smuggled Into Jail**  
9/19/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Body Scanner Prevents Narcotics From Being Smuggled Into Jail

**Report Number:** 16-140064

**Location:** Pre-Trial Detention Facility

**Date & Time:** 9/15/16 @ 7:45 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Detention Services

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Castillo, Mario	Oak View	47

**Narrative:**

On September 15, 2016, Ventura County Sheriff's deputies were completing body scans of recently booked inmates at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. After the body scans were completed, Inmate Mario Castillo was found to have smuggled several grams of narcotics into the jail. Castillo was arrested for bringing drugs into a jail facility and possession for sales of a controlled substance. His bail was set at \$80,000.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office uses a Securpass X-ray Security Scanner to find and prevent contraband (weapons, drugs, cellphones) from being smuggled into the jail. It is a similar device to what is used in airport security. The device has the ability to detect contraband on or within a person's body. The Securpass X-ray Security Scanner is another valuable tool the Sheriff's Office utilizes to keep local jail facilities safe for our inmates and staff.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Patrick J. Connolly

**News Release Date:** September 19, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Steven Jenkins (805) 648-9286

**Approved by:** Captain Mark Franke

Strong Arm Robbery at Ralphs Pharmacy  
9/19/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Strong Arm Robbery at Ralphs Pharmacy

**Report Number:** 16-0052060

**Location:** 600 Block of Las Posas Road

**Date & Time:** April 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Investigations

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Adult Female	Unknown	30-40

**Narrative:**

On April 8, 2016, just before 4:00 PM, a female suspect entered the Ralphs Grocery Store, located in the 600 block of North Las Posas Road in Camarillo and committed a robbery.

The female suspect loitered around the store for several minutes before approaching the pharmacy counter. The female gave a note to the clerk. The note demanded Xanax and Oxycodone prescription medications. The note also warned the clerk that people would be shot if anyone intervened. **No weapon was seen or displayed.** The female ran into the parking lot following the robbery, but no car was seen. The suspect got away with an undisclosed amount of Xanax.

Camarillo Police Detectives are requesting the public's assistance with identifying the female robbery suspect.

Click these two links to view surveillance video of the suspect inside the store, <https://goo.gl/4RCyjQ> and <https://goo.gl/7jH5yM>.

Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Brent Miller at the Camarillo Police Department.

**Prepared by:** Detective Brent Miller #4007

**News Release Date:** September 19, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Brent Miller:  
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**Approved by:**

Captain Cory Rubright

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**Identity & Mail Theft / Ojai Station**

9/21/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity & Mail Theft

**Report Number:** RB #16-0111717

**Location:** 500 Block of Buckboard Lane  
Ojai, Ca 93023

**Date & Time:** 07/05/2016 9:42 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Station Detectives & Ojai Patrol

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) DeGrande, Jacob	Ventura (Transient)	46 yrs

**Narrative:**

During the month of July, 2016, a resident residing in the city of Ojai reported to have been a victim of mail theft. This victim subsequently discovered four separate personal checks had been stolen from his residential mail box. These checks were later forged and cashed at various retail stores located in the cities of Thousand Oaks, Ojai, Ventura, and Oxnard.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. Video surveillance footage was obtained from several retail stores which showed a suspect seen making these fraudulent transactions at various retail stores throughout Ventura County.

On 08/02/2016, Ojai deputies working patrol contacted a suspicious person in the parking lot of a local hotel within the city of Ojai. The deputies immediately recognized the person as the same suspect seen on the video surveillance footage making the fraudulent transactions.

The suspect was positively identified as Jacob DeGrande. This investigation revealed DeGrande was also in possession of several hundred pieces of stolen mail, checks, and material to reproduce checks including a portable photocopier and blank check paper. DeGrande was arrested for theft of mail, numerous counts of identity theft, and under the influence of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail where he remains with a bail set at \$80,000.00.

Ojai Detectives conducted an extensive follow-up investigation which led to the exposure of numerous citizens being victimized by DeGrande for identity theft. These victims are residents from within the cities of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Ojai, and Thousand Oaks. This led to numerous identity theft enhancement charges added to DeGrande's extensive criminal charges.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to be aware of loose mail placed in unlocked mail boxes and theft of mail left in unlocked mail boxes for extended time

periods. Please remember that Postal Inspectors across the country work hard to protect your mail. But with deliveries to more than 100 million addresses, the Postal Inspection Service can't do the job alone. You can protect your mail from thieves by remembering to pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail. This diligence will assist in the prevention of becoming a victim of identity theft.

***If you see or suspect a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately 9-1-1, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 and (press 3) or visit the below link.***

<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/investigations/mailfraud/fraudschemes/mailtheft/tipthieves.aspx>

**Prepared by:** Detective Hollowell  
**News Release Date:** 09/21/2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Hollowell 805-477-7042  
**Approved by:** Sergeant Ferguson

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**Nature of Incident:** Counterfeit Currency / Narcotics Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-136051  
**Location:** 8000 block of Roseland Avenue, Moorpark  
**Date & Time:** 09/08/2016  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol and Detectives, Ventura County Interagency  
Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit , Southern California High Tech Taskforce  
Detectives, and US Secret Service

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Conte, Derek	Moorpark	27

**Narrative:**

On 09/08/2016, Ventura County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 8000 block of Roseland Avenue in Moorpark, reference Derek Conte being under the influence of a controlled substance, possibly selling narcotics, and having active warrants for his arrest. Deputies went to the residence and contacted Conte inside his bedroom. Conte showed signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Deputies located over 250 Xanax pills, .58 grams of Methamphetamine and Heroin, and \$580 dollars consisting of all 20 dollar bills. Deputies arrested Conte for being under the influence of a controlled substance and seized the Xanax pills, Methamphetamine, Heroin, and \$580. The \$580 dollars was seized, because it was believed to be the proceeds from illegal narcotics sales.

Deputies later determined the \$580 to be counterfeit money. Detectives followed up with the US Secret Service and Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Detectives in an attempt to determine the origin of the Xanax, Methamphetamine, Heroin, and counterfeit money. Conte was booked into the Ventura County jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail. Conte posted bail on 09/09/2016 and was released from custody.

Between 09/09/2016 and 09/12/2016, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office received four reports of counterfeit \$20 bills being passed at local businesses in Thousand Oaks. During that same time frame, there were two reports of counterfeit \$20 bills being passed at local businesses in the city of Moorpark. All six incidents are still under investigation and it is unknown at this time if the counterfeit money seized during Conte's arrest is related.

On 09/22/2016, a search warrant was served at Conte's residence in the 8000 block of Roseland Avenue in Moorpark and an additional \$2200 dollars, consisting of all counterfeit 20 dollar bills was seized. This counterfeit portion of the investigation is still on going. If you have any

information reference Conte or counterfeit U.S. currency, please contact Detective Eisenhard.

**Prepared by:** Detective J.D. Eisenhard

**News Release Date:** 09/22/2016

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**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

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**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft Arrest from Public's Assistance  
**Report Number:** RB #16-124602  
**Location:** 1300 block of Devonshire Street  
Oxnard, 93030  
**Date & Time:** 09/22/2016 @ 8:00 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S1) Stephanie Godoy	Oxnard	39 yrs
(S2) Melissa Durazo	Oxnard	45 yrs

**Narrative:**

On 08/09/2016 at approximately 12:45 PM, a visitor and her friends arrived in the area of Matilija Canyon Road and Highway 33 where they locked their vehicle and went hiking. When they returned, they discovered they were the victims of a vehicle burglary. A victim had her purse containing credit cards stolen.

Detectives from the Ojai Station began investigating this crime. It was discovered that the victim's stolen credit card was used at a Walmart Store in the city of Ventura the same day (08/09/2016). Video of the suspects using the stolen credit card was obtained from Walmart Store. Two female suspects are seen in the video using the stolen credit card.

Video of the suspects using the victims stolen credit card was obtained from Walmart. A request to identify the suspects was sent out to the public. The request contained a video clip of the suspects making the fraudulent transactions. Several citizens recognized the suspects from the video and provided their names to law enforcement.

On 09/22/2016, Detectives from the Ojai Station went to the 1300 block of Devonshire Street in the city of Oxnard where suspects Melissa Durazo and Stephanie Godoy were contacted and positively identified as the suspects responsible for this identity theft crime. Durazo was arrested for an outstanding warrant and Godoy was arrested for identity theft, burglary, and forgery. Both parties were booked into the Ventura County Main Jail where they remain in custody. Bail was set for Durazo at \$ 5,000.00 and Godoy at \$ 55,000.00.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:** Detective Hollowell

**News Release Date:** 09/22/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Hollowell 805-477-7042

**Approved by:** Sergeant Ferguson

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**Fillmore Bicycle and Skateboard Safety Rodeo / Public Safety Day**

9/26/2016 6:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

Fillmore Bicycle and Skateboard Safety Rodeo / Public Safety

**Report Number:**

**Location:**

Fillmore Middle School, 543 A Street

**Date & Time:**

September 24, 2016, 9:00 AM ' 12:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

Fillmore Police Department

**Narrative:**

According to the Center for Disease Control, 'Millions of Americans ride bicycles, but less than half wear bicycle helmets. For example, a national survey conducted in 2001-2003 found that only 48% of children 5-14 years wore bicycle helmets when riding. Further, older children were less likely to wear helmets than younger children. In 2010 in the U.S., 800 bicyclists were killed and an estimated 515,000 sustained bicycle-related injuries that required emergency department care. Roughly half of these cyclists were children and adolescents under the age of 20. Annually, 26,000 of these bicycle-related injuries to children and adolescents are traumatic brain injuries treated in emergency

departments.'<http://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/toolstemplates/entertainmented/tips/headinjury>

To promote safe riding and the wearing of safety equipment, the Fillmore Police Department held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle and Skateboard Safety Rodeo this past Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Fillmore Middle School. The event, which was free to the public, featured safety instruction, an obstacle course, bicycle and skateboard safety inspections, and proper helmet fitting. New donated bicycles and skateboards were given to children at the event. California state law (21212 VC) requires all bicycle riders and skateboarders, age of 18, to wear helmets. 123 free helmets were given to children in need, 92 children completed the obstacle course, and 45 bicycles were registered with the Fillmore Police Department to help prevent theft and with the return of lost or stolen bicycles to their owners. The Fillmore Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office will continue to register bicycles throughout the year for a \$5.00 fee.

The event was combined with a Public Safety Day, allowing children and their parents to meet the first responders who protect Bardsdale, Fillmore, Piru, and the surrounding county and federal lands. Agencies that participated included American Medical Response, Fillmore Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Fillmore Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, California Fish and Wildlife, and Los Padres National Forest Fire Department and Law Enforcement.

This event was made possible by through the generous help of the Fillmore Fire Foundation, Fillmore Police Department's Citizen Patrol, First 5 Ventura County ' Santa Clara Valley, Fillmore Lions Club, Fillmore Fire Club, Ventura County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Baskin-Robbins, Mejia's Nursery, Ragatz Performance Bicycles of Santa Paula, and SkateLab of Simi Valley. FOOD Share and the Ventura County Health C

Agency provided additional support and resources to the attendees.

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant Kevin Vaden

**News Release Date:**

9-26-16

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**Approved by:**

Captain Dave Wareham

###

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Issues Earthquake Reminder  
9/27/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Issues Earthquake Reminder

**Location:** 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009

**Date & Time:** September 27, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

**Narrative:**

On September 27, 2016, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) issued an earthquake reminder for areas of Southern California.

Following a swarm of small magnitude earthquakes near the Salton Sea in Southern California, Cal OES and the California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (CEPEC), which includes scientists from the California Geologic Survey, University of California San Diego, Southern California Earthquake Center at USC and the U.S. Geologic Survey, determined there may be a small increase in the probability, up to 1 percent, of additional or larger earthquakes occurring over the next week.

It is important to remember that earthquakes can strike suddenly, violently and without warning. Identifying potential hazards ahead of time and advanced planning can reduce the dangers of serious injury or loss of life from an earthquake.

If an earthquake does occur you should drop, cover and hold until the shaking ends. If you are driving you should pull to the side of the road and stop.

If you are located in the tsunami inundation zone, following a significant earthquake, you should immediately move inland and out of the inundation zone.

For more tips on what to do prior to, during and after an earthquake please visit Ready Ventura County at [www.readyventuracounty.org](http://www.readyventuracounty.org).

To receive emergency alerts, warnings and notifications register for VC Alert by visiting [www.vcalert.org](http://www.vcalert.org) or by text messaging VCALEART to 313131 on your mobile device.

When an incident in Ventura County occurs please visit [www.vcemergency.com](http://www.vcemergency.com) for real time information.

**Prepared by:** Kevin McGowan, Office of Emergency Services  
Manager

**News Release Date:** September 27, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Kevin McGowan, 805-654-2552

**Approved by:**

###

National Walk to School Day  
9/29/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** National Walk to School Day

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA

**Date & Time:** October 5, 2016, 7:30 am to 8:30 am

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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**Narrative:**

**The Thousand Oaks Police Department will Join Thousand Oaks Schools for National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th**

Thousand Oaks, CA' Lang Ranch and Westlake Elementary Schools, which are part of the Conejo Valley School District, will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Walk to School Day on October 5, 2016 in partnership with the Thousand Oaks Police Department.

Students from Lang Ranch and Westlake Elementary Schools will be walking and biking to school on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> along with parents, teachers and community leaders. Members of the Thousand Oaks Police Department will also join the walk and will be deploying traffic officers to the neighborhoods near schools to enforce traffic laws, reminding everyone the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety this day and every day.

The event will begin at 7:30 am with students, parents and community leaders walking from a block away from each of the schools. Walkers and bicyclists will arrive at the school by 7:45 am. Once at school, officers will discuss pedestrian and bicycle safety tips with students before they go to class.

Walk to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling. It also emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment. The events build connections between law enforcement, families, schools and the broader community.

The event is being organized by the Thousand Oaks Police Department and the two schools participating in the walk. This event is part of the police department's on-going effort to increase traffic safety through its many traffic safety operations such as

pedestrian/bicycle enforcement operations, and Start Smart classes for young drivers.

For additional local information, please contact Sergeant Brad Clifton at (805) 373-2322.

### **Important Safety Reminders**

#### **For Pedestrians:**

Walk on a sidewalk or path when one is available.

If no sidewalk or path is available, walk on the shoulder, facing traffic.

Stay alert; don't be distracted by electronic devices, including smart phones, MP3 players, and other devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

Be cautious night and day when sharing the road with vehicles. Never assume a driver sees you (he or she could be distracted, under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or just not see you). Make eye contact with drivers as they approach.

Be predictable. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections when possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.

If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area, wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.

Be visible. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flash light at night.

#### **For Drivers:**

Look for pedestrians everywhere. Pedestrians may not be walking where they should be or may be hard to see'especially in poor lit conditions, including dusk/dawn/night and poor weather.

Always stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk or where pedestrian crosswalk signs are posted.

Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They may be stopped to allow pedestrians to cross the street.

Slow down and look for pedestrians. Be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Follow the speed limit; slow down around pedestrians.

Stay focused and slow down where children may be present, like school zones and neighborhoods.

#### **For additional information, please visit these websites:**

Walk to School Day in the USA - [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)

National Center for Safe Routes to School - [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)

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**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**News Story Date:** September 29, 2016

**Follow-Up  
Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
[brad.clifton@ventura.org](mailto:brad.clifton@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

**Nature of Incident:** Gang Members Arrested for Narcotics Trafficking / Weapons Possession

**Report Number:** Various

**Location:** Various Locations Throughout Ventura and Los Angeles Counties

**Date & Time:** September 28, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Gerardo Vargas	Fillmore	34
Enrique Navarette	Fillmore	48
Oswaldo Medina	Fillmore	29
Gilberto Vargas	Fillmore	50
Maria Vargas	Fillmore	56
Raul Hernandez	Fillmore	49
Gilberto Gomez	Fillmore	56
Alfred Estrada	Ventura	44
Jessie Rodriguez	Los Angeles	36

**Narrative:**

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, investigators concluded a month long investigation into a gang-related conspiracy to sell methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin throughout Ventura County. As a result of the investigation, nine subjects were arrested for various charges, including narcotics and weapons related offenses.

In September of 2016, investigators with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Oxnard Police Department learned that Gerardo Vargas, a Fillmore gang member with Mexican Mafia ties, and Alfred Estrada, a Ventura gang member, were involved in the distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin for the benefit of the Mexican Mafia. Investigators discovered Vargas sold the drugs to lower-level drug dealers, who sold the drugs to drug users in Ventura County.

As a result of the information discovered during the investigation, detectives authored several search warrants for locations in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. During the execution of those search warrants, investigators seized nearly four pounds of methamphetamine, over one

pound of cocaine, over four ounces of heroin, four firearms, including two assault weapons, and two ballistic vests.

The following arrests were made during the investigation:

- Gerardo Vargas ' Conspiracy, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, sale of a controlled substance, possession for sale of a controlled substance and participation in a street gang.
- Enrique Navarette ' Conspiracy, possession for sale of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.
- Osvaldo Medina ' Conspiracy and transportation/sale of a controlled substance.
- Gilberto Vargas ' Possession for sale of a controlled substance.
- Maria Vargas ' Possession for sale of a controlled substance.
- Raul Hernandez ' Conspiracy
- Gilberto Gomez ' Conspiracy and transportation/sale of a controlled substance
- Alfred Estrada ' Conspiracy, possession for sale of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and participation in a street gang.
- Jessie Rodriguez ' Conspiracy and transportation/sale of a controlled substance.

All of the subjects were booked at the Main Jail and are awaiting further criminal proceedings in the Ventura County Superior Court.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Eric Tennessen

**News Release Date:** October 3, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Jeremy Bramlette  
805-384-4771

**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

Academy Class 2016-1 Graduation  
10/4/2016 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Academy Class 2016-1 Graduation

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 7, 2016 / 1:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center

**Narrative:**

Sheriff Geoff Dean is pleased to announce the graduation of the Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center's Academy Class #2016-1. The graduation ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2016, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.

The recruits have completed 24 weeks of instruction provided through the combined efforts of local law enforcement agencies, the Ventura Community College District and other criminal justice entities. The intense training and education prepares these recruits for the responsibilities of serving their communities as peace officers.

Please see below for the names of the graduating recruits and their respective agencies.

**ACADEMY ROSTER  
Basic Academy Class #2016-1  
Graduating Recruits**

**OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Daniel Cruz  
Kevin Fessler  
Randall J. Gonzales  
Christopher J. Salvio

**SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michaela C. Bebernes

Lewis A. Craparotta  
Thomas Payne Diefenthaler  
Scott McBeth  
Adam M. Mik  
Rudy S. Ramirez  
Bobby Shen  
Zane Thomas Velasquez

**SIMI VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Steven Latham

**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Robert John Dietz  
Cory Michael Prater  
Gabrielle C. Root

**VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Devin Slater Allen  
Robert Cody Bain  
Blake Everett Barnes  
Jonathan Michael Beeson  
Tyler Anderson Brown  
Kyle Diaz  
Francisco Gil  
Angelica Maria Gonzalez  
Jorge Gonzalez  
Chad Jones  
Kenneth Ledesma  
Jack Parrish  
Joshua Dwayne Pinkard  
Adrian Alvarez Ramirez  
Cameron Alexander Schroeck  
James Segovia  
Eric L. Simon  
Timothy Allen Sperber  
Michael J. Vera

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant Cecil Valenti

**Media Release Date:**

October 4, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:**

Captain Dave Murray (805) 383-4744

**Approved by:**

Captain Dave Murray

###

**Arrest Made in Child Death Investigation**  
10/6/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest Made in Child Death Investigation

**Report Number:** 14-20073

**Location:** Camarillo, CA

**Date & Time:** 10/03/2016, 0550 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
(Colorado)

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Male juvenile	Camarillo	3 ?
(S) Caleb Burrett	Evergreen, CO	37

**Narrative:**

Former Camarillo resident Caleb Burrett was arrested on Monday Oct. 3, 2016 after a lengthy investigation surrounding the death of a 3 ? year old child.

On Sept. 2, 2014, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Major Crimes Bureau initiated an investigation regarding injuries sustained to a child at a residence in the 100 block of Calle Vista in Camarillo. The child succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at Northridge Hospital on Sept. 4, 2014.

Following a two year investigation, Burrett was arrested in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2016 in the mountainous community of Evergreen, Colorado. Investigators from the Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau were assisted by investigators from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with Burrett's arrest and the subsequent service of a search warrant served upon Burrett's residence in Evergreen.

A Ventura County Superior Court arrest warrant was issued for Burrett for a violation of California Penal Code section 273ab(a) [Child abuse causing great bodily injury or death to a child under the age of 8]. Burrett is currently in custody at the Jefferson County Jail with a bail of 1,000,000.00 pending extradition back to Ventura County, where he will face the above charge filed by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. The charge carries a punishment of imprisonment in the state prison for 25 years to life.

Anyone with information regarding this criminal investigation is encouraged to contact the Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau; contact information below.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Dean Worthy / Major Crimes - Homicide

**News Release Date:** Oct. 6, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Dean Worthy  
805-384-4730

**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith / Major Crimes Bureau

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###

Highway Sign Dedication Ceremony for Deputy Peter Aguirre, Jr.  
10/10/2016 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Highway Sign Dedication Ceremony for Deputy Peter Aguirre, Jr.

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ojai Police / Sheriff's Station, 402 S. Ventura Road, Ojai

**Date & Time:** October 14, 2016 / 2:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ojai Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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**Narrative:**

On July 17, 1996, Deputy Peter J. Aguirre was tragically killed while investigating a domestic disturbance in the Ojai Valley community of Meiners Oaks. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this incident. The man responsible for Deputy Aguirre's death is currently on California's death row.

In order to honor Deputy Aguirre's ultimate sacrifice, a highway sign will be erected in his name. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to invite the public to attend the Highway Sign Dedication Ceremony on October 14, 2016 at the Ojai Police / Sheriff's Station located at 402 S. Ventura Street, in the city of Ojai. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 pm and should conclude by 3:00 pm.

**Prepared by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

**News Release Date:** October 10, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian, 805-797-6322  
Sergeant Denise Sliva, 805-947-9258

**Approved by:** Sheriff Geoff Dean

Start Smart / Thousand Oaks  
10/10/2016 11:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart

**Location:** Thousand Oaks Police Station ' East County Community Room

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 13th, 2016 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau

Start Smart is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Thousand Oaks Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents.

Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16-19-year-olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the Start Smart Program is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

Interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271 for more information and to make a reservation. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents. We still have room available for this Thursday. There is no charge to attend the program.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Media Release Date:** 10/10/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

Sheriff's Deputies Participating in Tip-A-Cop Event for Special Olympics / Thousand Oaks  
10/11/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff's Deputies Participating in Tip-A-Cop Event For Special Olympics

**Location:** Red Robin Restaurant ' 170 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 ' 5:00 p.m. ' 9:00 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

**Narrative:**

Ventura County Sheriff's deputies will take their oath to 'serve' and protect to a new level. They'll trade in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays to assist servers at Red Robin Restaurant in Thousand Oaks on Thursday, October 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sheriff's professional staff and volunteers will also be on hand to assist deputies in support of the event. The public is invited to enjoy a great meal and then 'tip-a-cop.' Donations in the form of tips will benefit Ventura County Special Olympics. All tips are tax-deductible.

Ventura County Special Olympics offers training and competition opportunities in 10 different year-round sports to people with intellectual disabilities at over 20 different training sites throughout Ventura County. This program not only provides physical fitness from participating in athletic competitions, but also encourages social interaction and community involvement. Special Olympics athletes will be working with deputies as they serve customers at Tip-A-Cop.

Tip-A-Cop events are one of the main fundraisers for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Torch Run is part of a year-round, grassroots fundraising campaign by law enforcement agencies to benefit their local Special Olympics programs. The Torch Run makes its debut annually in the month of June when members of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Special Olympic Athletes carry the torch as it makes its way through Ventura County and continues to Long Beach for the start of the summer games.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** October 11, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman ' (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

###

**Thousand Oaks Resident Sentenced For Illegally Selling Firearms**  
10/11/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Resident Sentenced for Illegally Selling Firearms

**Report Number:** Various

**Location:** Various Locations Throughout Ventura County.

**Date & Time:** October and November of 2015

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Joshua Pineda	Thousand Oaks	24

**Narrative:**

A Ventura County resident who illegally sold eight firearms during an undercover operation last year has been sentenced to nearly five years in federal prison.

During the months of October and November of 2015, investigators with the Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement Unit, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, purchased eight firearms from Joshua Pineda during an undercover operation. These purchases occurred in the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. On October 3, 2016, Pineda was sentenced to 57 months in prison. Most of the eight firearms purchased from Pineda were AR-15-type assault rifles, several of which did not have serial numbers. Pineda also sold more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition to an undercover agent during this operation.

'Sales of untraceable assault rifles by a convicted felon pose a serious danger to the community,' said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. 'Transactions like these supply an illegal market for firearms that endangers law-abiding citizens when the deadly weapons make their way into the hands of criminals.'

Pineda pled guilty in February to federal offenses of selling firearms without a license and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Pineda was sentenced by United States District Judge Dale S. Fischer. 'Illegal acquisition and disposition of untraceable firearms presents a significant challenge and a major concern to our community' said ATF Special Agent in Charge Eric D. Harden. 'These offenses circumvent regulations in place intended to thwart firearm possession by prohibited individuals.'

**Prepared by:** Detective Dillan Alvarez

**Media Release Date:** October 11, 2015

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Dillan Alvarez (805)797-7142

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

###

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day - Oct. 22, 2016**

10/12/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** Sheriff's Headquarters and Sheriff's Office substations

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 22, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office / Drug Enforcement Administration

**Narrative:**

In support of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, the Sheriff's Office will be opening our patrol stations on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to collect expired and unused medication.

Starting with a pilot program at our Thousand Oaks Police Station ten years ago, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office has been providing the community a convenient and safe way to dispose of medications. Additionally, we are one of the first agencies in the state to actively collect controlled substances. Since that time, the Sheriff's Office has collected 25,129 pounds of medications.

The goal is to keep these products out of the hands of children. Many household pharmaceuticals are sold and traded among teenagers, who often help themselves to medications in the home. With your participation, we can stop the trends of abuse among the younger population and greatly impact the number of overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use.

The following items are accepted: prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, medicated ointments/lotions, inhalers, and liquid medication in leak-proof containers.

The following items cannot be accepted: needles (sharps), illicit drugs, medical waste, or IV bags.

Sheriff's locations participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day are:

Fillmore Police Department: 524 Sespe Ave. Fillmore, Ca.

Headquarters Station: 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, Ca.

Camarillo Police Department: 3701 Las Posas Rd. Camarillo, Ca.

Thousand Oaks Police Department: 2101 E. Olsen Rd. Thousand Oaks, Ca.  
Moorpark Police Department: 610 Spring Rd. Moorpark, Ca.

In addition to Saturday's event, residents can dispose of their medications throughout the year during regular business hours at any of the stations in the county because every day is drug take back day.

For more information on prescription drug take-back and the Ventura County Rx and Heroin Workgroup, visit <http://venturacountylimits.org/en/prevention/prescription-otc/rx>.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Denise Sliva

**News Release Date:** October 12, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Denise Sliva (805) 947-9258

**Approved by:** Capt. Garo Kuredjian

###

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police Warn Public of SMiShing Fraud

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Investigations Unit

**Narrative:**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind cell phone users to be cautious when responding to suspicious text messages due to an increase in SMS phishing also known as SMiShing.

SMiShing or SMS phishing is a form of phishing. This occurs when a criminal sends a text message asking you to provide sensitive, personal and/or financial information via a link, a false website or a telephone number. In the last week, several Thousand Oaks residents have become victims of this increasing fraud, leaving residents in financial ruins.

Criminals have become increasingly clever as they make text messages appear to be coming from a trusted source like a friend, a retail store, or a bank. The messages have a sense of urgency in order to get you to act quickly, without much thought. These messages include offers for a free product or a great discount. They may also appear to come from your bank, advising you that your credit card is going to be canceled unless you verify your account right away, by clicking on a link in the message. Once the link is clicked, it may prompt you to input your personal identifying information including your card number, username and password. This information will give the criminal full access to your financial accounts or use your information to commit identity theft.

SMiShing attempts are increasing because criminals go where the opportunities are greatest, the cell phone. There are approximately 7 billion cellphone users in the world and text messaging has become a primary form of communicating between cell phone users.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to provide the following safety tips to avoid becoming the victim of a SmiShing attempts:

- Avoid clicking links within text messages.
- Don't respond to text messages that request private or financial information
- If you get a message that appears to be from your bank, financial institution, or other entity, contact that business directly to verify they sent the request.
- Beware of messages that are not coming from a cell number. Scammers mask their identity by using email to text services to avoid revealing their actual phone number.
- If a text message is urging you to respond quickly, remember that criminals use this to get you to do what they want.
- Never reply to a suspicious text message without verifying the source.

**Prepared by:** Detective Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** October 13, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Timothy Lohman ' (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

###

**Public's Assistance in Identifying Mail Theft Suspect**

10/13/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Public's Assistance Requested in Identifying Mail Theft Suspect

**Report Number:** 16-151532

**Location:** 1200 Block of Calle Arroyo

**Date & Time:** October 7, 2016 @ 12:50 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** East County Investigations Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

**City of Residence**

**Age**

(S) unknown

25-35

**Narrative:**

Investigators with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, East County Investigations Bureau, are requesting the public's assistance in identifying a mail theft suspect.

On October, 7, 2016, at about 12:50 PM, an alert Ventura County citizen noticed a red four door Pontiac Vibe drive onto a residence driveway. The license plates on the vehicle had been covered, so the witness began to take photographs of the vehicle. The vehicle driver got out and stole packages that had recently been delivered to the residence, and then left the area.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspect driving the red Pontiac Vibe shown in the attached images. The driver was described as white male, 25-35 years of age, and about 5'10' in height with a slim build.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident or can possibly identify the suspect is asked to contact Detective Marta Bugarin at (805) 371-8342.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office East County Investigations Bureau has noticed a recent increase in the number of mail thefts, and offers the following suggestions to lessen the chances of being the victim of mail theft:

- } Stop your mail with the Post Office before leaving for extended periods
- } Do not put outgoing mail in your mailbox, particularly items that contain checks or other financial documents

} Remove any delivered mail from unsecure mailboxes as soon as possible

Taking a few precautions can go a long way to prevent theft of mail, which inevitably leads to other crimes, such as fraud and identity theft.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Peter Frank (805) 494-8214

**News Release Date:** October 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Media Follow-Up** Detective Tim Lohman (805) 494-8232

**Contact:**

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Seizure / Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-153549

**Location:** 1400 Block of Poli Street in the City of Ventura

**Date & Time:** October 11, 2016 at 8:15 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Narcotic Task Force, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Oxnard Police Department, California National Guard ' Counter Drug Task Force

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Mark Jessop-Ellis	Ventura	43
(S) John Jessop-Ellis	Ventura	57
(S) Paul Wallet	Ventura	47
(S) Michael Smith	Ventura	52
(S) Tasha Becchio	Ventura	43

**Narrative:**

Information about methamphetamine sales led to the arrest of Mark Jessop-Ellis for narcotics sales related charges. John Jessop-Ellis, Paul Wallet, Michael Smith and Tasha Becchio were all arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

During this investigation, detectives received information Mark Jessop-Ellis was selling methamphetamine in the City of Ventura. Detectives conducted their investigation and during that time, completed several purchases of methamphetamine from Mark Jessop-Ellis. On October 11, 2016, detectives arrested Mark Jessop-Ellis and served a search warrant at his residence in the 1400 Block of Poli Street in the City of Ventura. Detectives located methamphetamine, psilocybin (mushrooms), marijuana, packaging, and scales. Based on the amount of narcotic ingestion devices and related discarded packaging items located around the residence, it appeared the residence was maintained for the purpose of drug use and sales.

Mark Jessop-Ellis was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail on charges of being in possession of controlled substances for sale. John Jessop-Ellis, Wallet, Smith, and Becchio were all arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and booked into the Ventura County Jail.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jason Hendren

**Media Release Date:** October 14, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Robert Valenzuela  
805-384-4772

**Approved by:**

Captain Robert Thomas

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###

**Sheriff's Deputies Participating in Tip-A-Cop Event for Special Olympics**

10/17/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff's Deputies Participating in Tip-A-Cop Event For Special Olympics

**Location:** Red Robin Restaurant ' 170 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 ' 5:00 p.m. ' 9:00 p.m.

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

**Narrative:**

Ventura County Sheriff's deputies will take their oath to 'serve' and protect to a new level. They'll trade in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays to assist servers at Red Robin Restaurant in Thousand Oaks on Thursday, October 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sheriff's professional staff and volunteers will also be on hand to assist deputies in support of the event. The public is invited to enjoy a great meal and then 'tip-a-cop.' Donations in the form of tips will benefit Ventura County Special Olympics. All tips are tax-deductible.

Ventura County Special Olympics offers training and competition opportunities in 10 different year-round sports to people with intellectual disabilities at over 20 different training sites throughout Ventura County. This program not only provides physical fitness from participating in athletic competitions, but also encourages social interaction and community involvement. Special Olympics athletes will be working with deputies as they serve customers at Tip-A-Cop.

Tip-A-Cop events are one of the main fundraisers for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Torch Run is part of a year-round, grassroots fundraising campaign by law enforcement agencies to benefit their local Special Olympics programs. The Torch Run makes its debut annually in the month of June when members of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Special Olympic Athletes carry the torch as it makes its way through Ventura County and continues to Long Beach for the start of the summer games.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** October 17, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman ' (805) 947-8255

**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

###

Moorpark - Pedestrian Struck by Train  
10/18/2016 4:37:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Pedestrian hit by train  
**Report Number:** 16-157050  
**Location:** Moorpark Avenue, south of High Street, Moorpark, CA  
**Date & Time:** 10-18-2016 at 8:09 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Patrol, Traffic, and Detectives.

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Adult female	72

**Narrative:**

On 10-18-2016, at approximately 8:09 am, Moorpark Patrol Deputies, Traffic Enforcement Deputies, and Detectives responded to reports of a pedestrian that was hit by a train at Moorpark Avenue, south of High Street. Upon arrival, deputies found a deceased adult female that had been struck by the passing Amtrak California Surfliner passenger train.

There were 61 passengers on the train and 5 crew members at the time of the incident and no other injuries were reported.

All of the crossing arms, alarms, and warning equipment at the railroad track crossing on Moorpark Avenue appeared to be working properly at the time of this incident. This incident is still under investigation and if you have any information please contact the Moorpark Police Station at 805-532-2700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Darin Hendren  
**News Release Date:** 10-18-2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sheriff's Office Watch Commander  
805-662-6755  
**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Camarillo Robbery**

10/20/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Robbery  
**Report Number:** 16-156737  
**Location:** Camarillo Premium Outlets, Camarillo CA  
**Date & Time:** 10/17/16 @ 1:54 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Detective Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Suspect #1	Unknown	25-35
Suspect #2	Unknown	25-35

**Narrative:**

On October 17, 2016, a robbery occurred at the Camarillo Premium Outlets.

On Monday afternoon, two suspects entered a Camarillo retail store, located in the Camarillo Premium Outlets, and stole several items. An altercation ensued when the suspects were contacted outside of the store by loss prevention officers. A loss prevention officer stopped and detained one of the subjects. The subject began to resist and fight with the officer. The second subject went to a vehicle and retrieved a pair of bolt cutters. The second subject then returned to where the first subject was being detained and began to swing the bolt cutters at the loss prevention officer. The second subject demanded, in Spanish, that the loss prevention officer release the first subject. The loss prevention officer backed away and released the first subject, fearing he would be struck with the bolt cutters. Both subjects got into a Suzuki Forenza, silver in color, and fled the area.

Camarillo Detectives are requesting help identifying the suspects. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Camarillo Detective Brent Miller @ 805-388-5116.

**Prepared by:** Detective Brent Miller  
**News Release Date:** October 20, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Brent Miller  
805-388-5116 desk / 805-947-8311 cell  
**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**Nature of Incident:** Partnership with Purdue University

**Report Number:**

**Location:**

**Date & Time:**

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Special Crimes Unit / Crime Analysis Unit

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has entered into a research study partnership with Dr. Kathryn Seigfried-Spellar from Purdue University to study patterns of online sexual predators.

In recent years, the use of social media and other online communication portals as an avenue to commit sex crimes has increased dramatically. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately one in seven youth Internet users received unwanted sexual solicitations and one in twenty-five youths received an online sexual solicitation in which the solicitor tried to make an offline contact. Studies have suggested that there is a difference between sexual predators who only wish to exchange information online and those who wish to meet in person with juvenile victims.

Dr. Seigfried-Spellar works routinely with law enforcement agencies and specializes in research merging behavioral sciences with cybercrime, specifically the personality characteristics of computer deviants. In this partnership, Dr. Seigfried-Spellar will examine various social media communications between predators and minors in an attempt to identify certain predictors that will indicate which predators are likely to lure a minor to meet in person.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office hopes the study will someday help investigators prioritize cases involving inappropriate content sent to a minor and allow them to quickly target suspects who are likely to lure a victim to an off line meeting.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's online activities and keep an open dialog about the associated risks. For more information on internet safety, parents should visit <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Eric Tennessen

**News Release Date:** October 20, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Ventura County Sheriff's Santa Clara Valley Explorer Post #2958

**Date & Time:** 10/20/2016, 8:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Fillmore Police Department

**Narrative:**

The Santa Clara Valley Explorer Post #2958 was reactivated in 2010, by Deputy Leo Vazquez, Commander Tim Hagel, and Captain Dave Wareham, with only 6 interested Explorers. Fast forward 6 years later and the Post has 32 Explorers enrolled and continues to grow.

The Explorers are tasked with community events in the city of Fillmore, unincorporated areas of Ventura County and other cities within the County of Ventura. Some of the community events are: Fillmore and Piru Christmas Parades, Fillmore High School Parades, toy drives and giveaways, Shop with a Cop in Camarillo, Camarillo Air Show, and Moorpark Safety Days at Underwood Farms, just to name a few. These events stress the importance of planning, teamwork, and coordination of resources.

In order for the Post to attend all of the community events, the Post has had to carpool in privately owned vehicles. Up to 5 vehicles may have been needed when attending any Explorer function, and it was often overwhelming trying to find a ride for everyone. Some of our Explorers come from low income families and it's amazing to find a program where students/explorers can gain so much knowledge, guidance, and self-confidence without worrying about burdening their parents' financial situations.

The Post is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that depends on donations in order to be successful. This past year, the Post has been planning to purchase a passenger van. Being able to purchase a van would be a great asset to the Post, as it would help transport Explorers to community events, meetings, and training events, both within the county and out of state. The Post held multiple fundraisers and received donations from various organizations within the city of Fillmore and County of Ventura. With the hard work and dedication of the Post Advisors, they were able to purchase a passenger van for the Post.

The Santa Clara Valley Explorer Post #2958 would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donations and making this purchase possible: Fillmore Rotary Club, Bank of the Sierra, Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation, Fillmore Women's Club, Fillmore Chamber of Commerce and SBR Signs for the van wrap.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Explorer program consists of young men and women, 14 (and completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to 21, who have an interest in learning more about a career in Law Enforcement. The Explorer program provides law enforcement experiences, leadership opportunities, educational training, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens in their communities and the nation.

If you would like more information about the Law Enforcement Explorer program, please contact your local Police Department.

Fillmore Police Department 805-524-2233  
Camarillo Police Department 805-388-5100  
Moorpark Police Department 805-532-2700  
Headquarters Patrol Station 805-654-2890  
Ojai Police Department 805-646-1414  
Thousand Oaks Police Department 805-494-8200

**Prepared by:** Cadet Julio Espinoza

**News Release Date:** October 20, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Fillmore Police Department  
805-524-2233

**Approved by:** Captain Dave Wareham

###

## Bicycle Safety Tips

10/25/2016 4:41:00 PM

- Nature of Incident:** Bicycle Safety
- Location:** Thousand Oaks, CA
- Date & Time:** Ongoing
- Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

### **Narrative:**

Bicycle fatalities are rising in California as more people use bicycling for commuting, exercise and recreation. Locally, the Thousand Oaks Police Department has investigated 75 fatal and injury collisions involving bike riders during the past three years. In 2012, California witnessed 124 bicyclist deaths that year while nationally 726 riders were killed.

Nationally, fatal bike crash patterns have changed markedly. The percentage involving adults age 20 and older increased from 21 percent in 1975 to 84 percent in 2012. The percentage involving males increased from 82 percent to 88 percent during this period. Adult males comprised 74 percent of all bicyclist deaths in 2012. The percentage of deaths occurring in urban areas climbed from 50 percent in 1975 to 69 percent in 2012. The following safety tips can save lives and stop this tragedy witnessed far too often in Thousand Oaks:

#### Drivers:

- 'Share the road' with bicyclists
- Be courteous; California law now mandates at least three feet of clearance when passing a bike riders
- Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space
- Yield to cyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals
- Be especially watchful for riders when making turns, either left or right

#### Bicyclists:

- Wear properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride. If under 18 years of age, it's the law
- A helmet is the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from a bicycle crash
- Riders are considered vehicle operators; they are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators, including obeying traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- When cycling in the street, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bicyclists should increase their visibility to drivers by wearing fluorescent or brightly colored clothing during the day, and at dawn and dusk
- To be noticed when riding at night, the law requires a front light and a red reflector to the rear

- For additional safety, use a flashing rear light, and use retro-reflective tape or markings on equipment or clothing

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** October 25, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

###

**Deputy Sheriff Hiring and New Recruitment Website**

10/25/2016 12:22:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Deputy Sheriff Trainee Recruitment [www.applyventurasheriff.org](http://www.applyventurasheriff.org)

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** 800 South Victoria Ave Ventura CA 93009

**Date & Time:** October 24, 2016 12:00

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Human Resources & Recruitment

**Narrative:**

**The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the additional test date for Deputy Sheriff Trainee on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is also announcing the launch of a new website specifically for recruitment purposes [www.applyventurasheriff.org](http://www.applyventurasheriff.org).**

On October 24, 2016, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Human Resources and Recruitment Unit are launching a new website specifically focused on recruiting efforts for all positions within the Sheriff's Office. This new website can be found at <http://www.applyventurasheriff.org> or by visiting the Sheriff's Internet site <http://www.vcsd.org> and selecting 'Employment' under the tab for 'Careers and Volunteers'. The focus of the website is to demonstrate the benefits and opportunities one may enjoy with a Ventura County Sheriff's Office career path. There are many photos and videos demonstrating the professionalism, varying assignments, and diversity of the members of our Sheriff's Office family. We focused on presenting the benefits of a career with the Sheriff's Office in a rich media platform with many images and some video. Anyone interested with employment can contact a recruiter through the website and complete on online job application.

Additionally, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office has added a new test date for the written examination and physical agility test for January 21, 2017. We are also providing study guides and clinics to assist first time applicants on a pathway to success within the hiring process. There will be a physical agility clinic available this January prior to the new test date. Once an application has been submitted, applicants will be notified by e-mail with an invitation to the physical agility clinic and given instructions on how to obtain a study guide for the written test.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Kevin Donoghue (805) 797-7131

**News Release Date:** October, 24, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Kevin Donoghue (805) 797-7131

**Approved by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

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**###**

## Halloween Safety

10/25/2016 12:17:00 PM

- Nature of Incident:** Halloween Safety
- Location:** Citywide
- Date & Time:** October 31, 2016
- Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

### **Narrative:**

Monday, October 31, is Halloween. Most children will be out wearing their favorite costume and visiting homes in your neighborhood. Please remember there are issues when children in costumes are mixed with darkness and vehicles.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to offer the following safety tips to keep your children safe:

#### **For Parents and Children:**

- } Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult.
- } Children should never enter homes to get candy or go near a vehicle offering candy.
- } Stay in a well-lit and well populated area.
- } Set a time for your children to be home and have them check in frequently.
- } Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- } Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- } Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk; don't run, across the street.

#### **For Drivers:**

- } Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- } Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day so you can spot children from greater distances.
- } Remember that costumes can limit children's visibility and they may not be able to see your vehicle.
- } Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

#### **Costumes and Treats**

- } Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light colored costumes to improve visibility.
- } Choose face paint and make-up instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup.
- } Avoid carrying sticks, swords, or other sharp objects.
- } Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights in order to see better, as well as to be seen by drivers.

} Check treats for signs of tampering before children are allowed to eat them. Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped. On average, twice as many kids are killed or injured while walking on Halloween as compared to any other day of the year. This year let's not make your child one of them.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** October 25, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman  
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**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

###

**Sheriff K-9 to receive donated ballistic vest**

10/31/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff K-9 to receive donated ballistic vest

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** County of Ventura

**Date & Time:** October 31, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's K-9 Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
K-9 Chief ' a happy and hardworking German Shepherd.		

**Narrative:**

Ventura County Sheriff's Office K-9 Chief will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K-9 Chief's vest is sponsored by Peter Stanton of Happy Tails Dog Rescue in Ocean Ridge, FL and will be embroidered with the sentiment 'Donated by Happy Tails Dog Rescue, Ocean Ridge, FL'. Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,900 protective vests, in 49 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 1.7 million dollars. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K-9 graduates, as well as K-9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K-9 is \$1,050.00, has a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K-9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Jonathan Carver

**News Release Date:** 10-31-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Rob Davidson - (805)648-9275

**Approved by:** Commander Bill Ayub

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***###***

**Sheriff's Office Awarded Traffic Safety Grant**

10/31/2016 12:03:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** New Traffic Grant Awarded

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Ventura County

**Date & Time:** October 2016 to September 2017

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

**THE VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES GRANT FOR SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of its contract cities, applied for a traffic safety grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The Sheriff's Office has been awarded a \$300,000.00 grant for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries.

After careful consideration and analysis, OTS awarded funds to the cities of Thousand Oaks and Camarillo. These two cities will use the funding as part of their ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

Camarillo Assistant Police Chief Cory Rubright said, 'We are excited about every opportunity to raise public awareness and to work towards preventing injuries and deaths associated with traffic related incidents. We look forward to working with the City of Thousand Oaks in these ongoing efforts.'

After falling to a ten year low in 2010, the number of persons killed has climbed nearly 17% across the state with 3,176 killed in 2015 according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Particularly alarming is the six year rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies, and the emergence of drug-impaired driving as a major problem. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk driving, speeding and crashes at intersections.

'Years of research tell us that enforcement and education work best jointly to combat unsafe driving,' said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. 'This grant brings both tactics together, with the Office of Traffic Safety and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office working in concert to help keep the streets and highways safe across Ventura County and the state.'

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- } Educational presentations
- } DUI checkpoints
- } DUI saturation patrols
- } Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- } Motorcycle safety enforcement
- } Distracted driving enforcement
- } Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement
- } Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders
- } Compilation of DUI 'Hot Sheets,' identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders
- } Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** October 31, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt, [william.britt@ventura.org](mailto:william.britt@ventura.org), 805-388-5132

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Grand Theft of Large Bronze Fountains / Attempt to Locate**

11/1/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Grand theft of Large Bronze Fountains/ Attempt to Locate

**Report Number:** RB#16-155712

**Location:** 8700 block of North Ventura Avenue, Casitas Springs, CA

**Date & Time:** Between 10/8/2016 and 10/9/2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Unknown		

**Narrative:**

Between 10/8/2016 and 10/9/2016, unknown suspects entered the property in the 8700 block of North Ventura Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Casitas Springs. The suspects stole two large, bronze elephant statues that were also a water feature (fountain). Each statue is very heavy and takes multiple people to lift. The statues were approximately 6 feet tall, 4 feet long and 2 feet wide. The attached photograph is not of the actual stolen statues, but is identical in design. These statues are valued at over \$4,000 each.

The Ojai Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating these statues or providing information to assist in solving this crime.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 11/01/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-477-7038

**Approved by:** Sergeant M. Ferguson

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Human trafficking of a minor for the purpose of prostitution

**Report Number:** 16-161289

**Location:** 1600 Block of E. Daily Drive, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 10/26/2016 @ Approximately 3:40 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail, Ventura County Sheriff's Special Crimes-Intelligence Unit, Camarillo Detective Bureau, Ventura County District Attorney's Office

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S-1) Jessica Lynn Stanley	Simi Valley	26
(S-2) Robert Ryan McGraa	Thousand Oaks	35
(V) Female Juvenile	Camarillo	15

Ventura County Sheriff's Office investigators received an anonymous tip alleging pimping, pandering and prostitution activity involving a minor at a Camarillo motel. The Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail and Ventura County Sheriff's Special Crimes-Intelligence Unit immediately began investigating the tipster's information, which was very limited in details.

On October 26, 2016, the investigation ultimately confirmed an adult couple staying at the motel had been orchestrating a human trafficking operation involving a fifteen-year-old female victim out of one of the rooms. The couple was identified as twenty-six-year-old Jessica Lynn Stanley of Simi Valley and thirty-five-year-old Robert Ryan McGraa of Thousand Oaks. In order to facilitate this illicit activity, Stanley had posted several escort advertisements under an alias on various websites, such as Backpage.com.

During a covert investigative operation, Stanley unwittingly communicated with a detective posing as a 'john.' During the conversation, Stanley explicitly offered to provide a fifteen-year-old girl for the specific purpose of prostitution. Stanley arranged for the encounter to take place at the Camarillo motel after the victim finished her day at school. However, Stanley would not provide the room number until the arrival of the 'john' at the agreed upon time.

Once there was confirmation of the exact room number and there was relative certainty that the minor victim was present, a rescue team descended on the room with a search warrant. Investigators determined McGraa, who is also a registered sex offender, had transported the underage victim to the motel room shortly before the 'john' was scheduled to arrive.

The victim was found on a bed unharmed and immediately escorted to safety by deputies. Services were later provided for the victim through the District Attorney's Office's Victim Advocacy program and Child Protective Services.

A subsequent search of the motel room and McGraa's vehicle revealed numerous items of evidentiary value to this investigation. As the investigation progressed, search warrants were also served at three additional locations in the county. The evidence seized indicated that Stanley and McGraa have engaged in this activity on several prior occasions involving the same underage victim.

Jessica Lynn Stanley and Robert Ryan McGraa were taken into custody at the motel and later booked without incident at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Stanley was booked for the following: causing a minor to engage in commercial sex acts, pimping of a minor, and possession or control of child pornography. McGraa was booked for the following: human trafficking of a minor, pimping and pandering of a minor, and transportation of a minor under sixteen years old for prostitution.

On October 28, 2016, the District Attorney's Office reviewed this case and filed human trafficking of a minor charges against Stanley and McGraa. This is an on-going investigation as both remain in custody in lieu of \$500,000 bail each.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact Sergeant John Gleason with the Camarillo Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail at (805) 388-5100.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to report suspicious activity or suspected crimes in the community. Often times early reporting by members of the community can be crucial to solving crimes and ensuring the safety of victims.

**Prepared by:** John J. Gleason, Sergeant

**News Release Date:** November 4, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Garo Kuredjian  
(805) 797-6322

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments' "Coffee with the Chiefs" Community Outreach Program**

11/1/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments' 'Coffee with the Chiefs' Community Outreach Program

**Location:** Brent's Deli, 2799 Townsgate Rd Westlake Village Ca 91361

**Date & Time:** Wednesday November 9th, 2016 8:30 AM ' 10:30 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police and Fire Departments

**Narrative:**

In 2015, the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service while the Fire Protection District had approximately 12,000 responses. Your law enforcement officers work specific neighborhoods or patrol areas, day in and day out. These patrol areas are called beats. This system of community policing allows officers to really learn and interact with the community and citizens they serve. Your Fire Protection District has numerous stations throughout your community to enhance their availability to each region. This structure is only part of the issue; however, it takes more than that. It takes even greater partnerships between public safety and the community.

One example of those types of partnerships is the monthly Coffee with the Chiefs event. On Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, your Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Fire Chief Ted Smith will be at Brent's Deli, 2799 Townsgate Rd in Westlake Village.

What's on your mind' The chiefs want to sit down and have a cup of coffee or tea with you. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the chiefs have led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise not have surfaced.

Come share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Be a part of the reason that this is such a safe and desirable community. Contribute your ideas and thoughts.

Chief Hagel and Chief Smith will be present from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Edward Beauvais, Crime Prevention Bureau

**Media Release Date:** November 1, 2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Ed Beauvais (805) 371-8362 / edward.beauvais@ventura.org

**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

###

**Sheriff's Office to Kick Off 31st Annual "Share-iffs" Toy Drive**

11/1/2016 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff's Office to Kick Off 31<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Share-iffs' Toy Drive

**Location:** Countywide

**Date & Time:** Nov. 01, 2016 through Dec. 15, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** All Sheriff's Facilities

**Narrative:**

The Share-iff's Toy Drive has been a tradition in Ventura County for 31 years. Many families do not have the resources to provide their children with a traditional Christmas celebration. Each year, thousands of children experience a Christmas morning with no gifts to open.

Members of the Sheriff's Office respond to calls throughout the county and encounter families without the means to exchange gifts during the holiday season. Fortunately, some of these families will be the recipients of gifts this holiday season, thanks to volunteers who participate in the Share-iff's Toy Drive.

The Sheriff's Office will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 13 and younger. All of the toys will be distributed to children within the cities of Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Fillmore, Ojai, and the unincorporated areas served by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

All of our patrol stations will have boxes where staff members and the public can leave their unwrapped toys Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm between November 01<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the Sheriff's Office will open Santa's workshop and provide some Christmas magic to those who need it most.

**Toy drop off locations:**

Camarillo Police Department 3701 Las Posas Road, Camarillo (805) 388-5100

Thousand Oaks Police Department 2101 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks (805) 494-8200

Moorpark Police Department - 610 Spring Road, Moorpark (805) 532-2700

Fillmore Police Department - 524 Sespe Avenue, Fillmore (805) 524-2233

Ojai Police Department - 402 S. Ventura Street, Ojai (805) 646-1414

Sheriff's Headquarters - 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura (805) 654-2304

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

Corina Lozano at [corina.lozano@ventura.org](mailto:corina.lozano@ventura.org)

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**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** Nov. 01, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Garo Kuredjian

###

**Sheriff K9 Receives Donated Ballistic Vest**

11/2/2016 2:10:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sheriff K-9 to receive donated ballistic vest

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** County of Ventura

**Date & Time:** October 31, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's K-9 Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
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K-9 Chief ' a happy and hardworking German Shepherd.

**Narrative:**

Ventura County Sheriff's Office K-9 Chief will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K-9 Chief's vest is sponsored by Peter Stanton of Happy Tails Dog Rescue in Ocean Ridge, FL and will be embroidered with the sentiment 'Donated by Happy Tails Dog Rescue, Ocean Ridge, FL'. Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,900 protective vests, in 49 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 1.7 million dollars. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K-9 graduates, as well as K-9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K-9 is \$1,050.00, has a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K-9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Jonathan Carver

**News Release Date:** 10-31-2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Captain Rob Davidson - (805)648-9275

**Approved by:** Commander Bill Ayub

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***###***

**Moorpark - Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

11/7/2016 4:54:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** City and County Areas of Moorpark

**Date & Time:** Saturday, November 5, 2016 8:00 AM ' 3:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Moorpark Police Department Special Enforcement Detail  
Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of fifty-three (53) registered sex offenders throughout the city and county areas of Moorpark. The compliance checks were part of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Thirty-nine (39) of the offenders were found to be in compliance with their registration requirement. Fourteen (14) registrants were not contacted because they were not home or had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if the remaining registrants not contacted are out-of-compliance. The sheriff's office aggressively pursues for prosecution those offenders found to be out of compliance.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be conducting similar sweeps on an ongoing basis, to verify registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.

Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Ryan Clark  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit

**News Release Date:** November 7, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Ryan Clark / 805-384-4721  
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**Approved by:**

Captain Melissa Smith

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**###**

Thousand Oaks - Pedestrian Struck and Killed by Vehicle  
11/7/2016 3:41:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Pedestrian Struck by a Vehicle / Fatality  
**Report Number:** RB#16-167289  
**Location:** Janss Road at Kirk Avenue, Thousand Oaks, CA  
**Date & Time:** November 6, 2016 / 5:23 PM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Robert Charles Booth	Thousand Oaks	90
(P) Gail Johnston	Ventura	65

**Narrative:**

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, at approximately 5:23 pm, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on Janss Road at Kirk Avenue. The pedestrian, (D)Robert Charles Booth, was northbound on Kirk Avenue, crossing the street at Janss Road. (P)Gail Johnston, was in her vehicle traveling westbound on Janss Road approaching Kirk Avenue, when her vehicle struck Mr. Booth.

Mr. Booth suffered major injuries and was transported via AMR to Los Robles Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind our citizens that the recent daylight savings change in hours of daylight and darkness does affect our daily routines. As we adjust to earlier hours of darkness, please be mindful of the numerous activities which occur in our community. Be aware and be safe.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. B. Payton 1941  
barbara.payton@ventura.org  
**Media Release Date:** November 7, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Traffic Investigator Deputy Mike Berg  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

###

**Moorpark - New Neighborhood Watch / Nextdoor Signs in City**

11/9/2016 2:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** The Moorpark Police Department and the City of Moorpark Post New Nextdoor Neighborhood Watch Signs Throughout the City

**Location:** City of Moorpark

**Date & Time:** November 8, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Police Beat Coordinator

**Narrative:**

In April 2016, in an effort to facilitate a virtual Neighborhood Watch program and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications, the Moorpark Police Department partnered with Nextdoor ([www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)). Nextdoor enables the Moorpark Police Department to notify thousands of residents at once about crime trends, crime prevention, emergency situations, safety tips, community events, along with any other topics pertaining to crime and safety. Also, residents are able to use Nextdoor to private message the Beat Coordinator with any concerns or questions.

When the Moorpark Police Department first joined Nextdoor, there were just over 1900 Moorpark households already using the website. To date, there are over 4100 Moorpark households signed on to Nextdoor. Ideally, the Moorpark Police Department would like to see every household in Moorpark participate.

The Moorpark Police Department noticed partnerships with community members started to form and strengthen at an increased rate once Moorpark PD became involved with Nextdoor. In response, the Moorpark Police Department designed a Nextdoor Neighborhood Watch sign to replace old, faded Neighborhood Watch signs posted throughout the city. The Moorpark Police Department was able to purchase several new signs to be posted in Moorpark neighborhoods. Moorpark Public Works crews are working hard to post the new signs in pre-designated areas.

The Moorpark Police Department uses several social media tools to communicate critical information to the community. Nixle, Twitter and VC Alert are our primary tools used to disseminate information. Nextdoor serves as an additional social media outreach to the residents of Moorpark.

If you are interested in joining Nextdoor, visit their website at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and enter your home address. If Nextdoor is already launched in your area, you can immediately sign up. If your neighborhood has not yet been established, set up your neighborhood and encourage neighbors to join. Please join us on Nextdoor and follow the Moorpark Police Department on Twitter @MoorparkSheriff.

For Moorpark Police Department Neighborhood Watch questions, or to request an invite to join

Nextdoor, please contact Senior Deputy Becky Purnell at (805) 299-1504 or [rebecca.purnell@ventura.org](mailto:rebecca.purnell@ventura.org).

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Becky Purnell

**News Release Date:** November 8, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Senior Deputy Becky Purnell  
(805) 299-1504

**Approved by:** Captain Luis Obregon

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###

**Camarillo Police Recruiting DART Members**

11/21/2016 6:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Police Department is Recruiting DART Members

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Camarillo Police Department ' 3701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** November 21, 2016 / 1500

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Community Resource Unit

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department is actively recruiting citizen volunteers to join their Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).

In 1990, the city of Camarillo recognized the benefit of having a citizen's response group that could be activated to assist emergency service workers in the event of disaster or large scale emergency, and by way of a City Council resolution, the Camarillo Disaster Assistance Response Team was formed. DART members undergo continuous training in Basic Life Support, First Aid, CPR, Urban Search and Rescue, Mass Casualty Management and Triage, Traffic and Crowd Control, and Fire Suppression.

DART members wear uniforms and several members are Emergency Medical Technicians. The Camarillo DART has members of all ages, backgrounds, professions, and talents. Anyone who is interested and meets the following criteria are encouraged to apply: **Must be 18 years of age, live or work in the city of Camarillo, be in good health, have a strong desire to serve the community, complete 80 hours of core Community Emergency Response Team training, pass a background check, and have the ability to attend monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month.** Please contact the Camarillo Police Department's Community Resources Unit at 388-5155 for more information.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant John Franchi

**News Release Date:** November 21, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant John Franchi / John.Franchi@ventura.org

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

###

Camarillo - Fatal Motorcycle Traffic Collision  
11/22/2016 4:03:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Traffic Collision Fatality  
**Report Number:** 16-174097  
**Location:** Dawson Drive at Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo, CA  
**Date & Time:** November, 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, 5:04 PM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Nathaniel Brown	Ventura	29

**Narrative:**

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at approximately 5:04 PM, the Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau responded to Dawson Drive at Mission Oaks Blvd. for a single vehicle traffic collision.

(D) Nathaniel Brown was riding his motorcycle northbound in the #1 lane of Dawson Drive approaching the Mission Oaks Blvd. intersection. It appears that Brown failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and Brown's motorcycle drove up onto the center median and collided with a street light pole. Brown was ejected from his motorcycle and sustained injuries from the collision. Brown was transported to the Los Robles Hospital Emergency Room for his injuries. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Brown succumbed to the injuries he sustained in the traffic collision.

The collision is still under investigation by the Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Senior Deputy Sam Dominguez of the Traffic Bureau at (805)-388-5146.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Sean Britt  
**News Release Date:** 11/22/2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Sean Britt ' 805-388-5132  
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**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest Warrants Served  
**Report Number:** 16-173355, 16-173411  
**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** November 18, 2016, 9:45am and 10:05am  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(S) Penny Lea Hedrick-Bosman	Frazier Park	55
(S) John Alfredo Cazares	Thousand Oaks	27

**Narrative:**

**Two Suspects with Outstanding Warrants  
Caught in Thousand Oaks By Police Department Sweep**

**Thousand Oaks, CA** ' Some think if they just don't show up for a court hearing, the police won't have the manpower to come find them. If your violation is a DUI, don't count on it. Thousand Oaks Police Department Officers with dozens of outstanding arrest warrants fanned out into neighborhoods in search of high risk DUI and substance offenders today. Deputies served warrants and arrested two offenders who either failed to show up for a court date or violated terms of their probation in an outstanding DUI case.

"The best bet for anyone with a missed DUI court date is to go to court on their own now," said Deputy Berg. "If you don't, that warrant isn't going away. We're going to come find you and take you to jail."

Those caught often face additional jail time for failing to appear in court or for violating probation. When family, friends, and co-workers find out, violators can also face personal embarrassment as they are lead away in handcuffs, as well as missing work while sitting in jail.

Special DUI Warrant Service Operations along with regularly scheduled 'High Visibility' DUI enforcement has a deterrent effect on those who disregard driving safety and abuse alcohol and drugs. The Thousand Oaks Police Department places a high priority on lowering deaths and injury with the goal of removing impaired drivers and heightening awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Funding for the operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers; Call 9-1-1!

###

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brad Clifton

**Media Release Date:** November 18, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Brad Clifton  
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**Approved by:** Captain Jim Fryhoff

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###

**Nature of Incident:** Shop with a Cop 2016

**Location:** Camarillo Target

**Date & Time:** December 3, 2016 at 9:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation to host 'Shop with a Cop' for selected children residing in the areas patrolled by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. On the day of the event 125 children nominated by deputies and local community programs will join Sheriff's deputies for this shopping experience. Each child will be provided with a \$ 100.00 Target gift card and partnered with a deputy for this shopping experience. This is the fifth year the Ventura County Sheriff's Office has held 'Shop with a Cop.' This program allows children who may not otherwise have an opportunity to celebrate Christmas the chance to share this holiday with a partner from the Sheriff's Office. This program reinforces the positive relationships Ventura County law enforcement agencies share with our communities. This program is supported by contributions donated to the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation.

Members of the media and public are encouraged to attend. Participants will meet outside of Camarillo Target at 9:00 am on the day of the event. Sheriff's deputies will be arriving shortly after by motorcade. All officers participating in this event are volunteering their personal time.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Mario Molina

**News Release Date:** November 22, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Camarillo Police Department Community Resource  
Unit (805) 388-5155

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

**Somis Missing At Risk Woman**

11/28/2016 3:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Missing At Risk / Active Search

**Report Number:** RB# 16-177744

**Location:** 5200 block Faircrest Lane, Somis

**Date & Time:** November 27, 2016 / 1:30 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Patrol Station ' Unincorporated; Camarillo Police Department; Sheriff's Aviation Unit; Fillmore, Ojai, and East County Search & Rescue Teams; Search & Rescue K9; VC Sheriff K9; Unmanned Aerial Systems; Major Crimes; Office of Emergency Services, and Camarillo Police DART

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(MP) Judith 'Judy' Wurtz	Somis	76

**Narrative:**

A 76-year-old Somis woman is being considered missing at risk after leaving her home Sunday afternoon for a walk.

Judith 'Judy' Wurtz was last seen by her family on Sunday, November 27, 2016 on their property in the 5200 block of Faircrest Lane around 1:30 p.m. Judy is an avid hiker and typically stays near her home. Judy suffers from dementia, but is otherwise in good health.

Judy's family reported her missing to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on Sunday around 6:00 p.m. after they had conducted their own extensive search on their property and known walking routes. Judy is 5'8' tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has grey hair and brown eyes. Judy was last seen wearing a long sleeved denim shirt and jeans. She was not carrying a telephone.

Since Judy was first reported missing to the Sheriff's Office, numerous resources have been brought into the area to search for Judy. On the ground, patrol deputies, patrol K9's, search & rescue personnel and bloodhounds have covered a three-mile radius of the rural agricultural and residential areas of Somis. The Sheriff's Aviation Unit and Unmanned Aerial System have searched from the sky during the evening and daylight hours. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services issued a VC Alert message to residents in the Somis, Camarillo, Saticoy, and Moorpark area.

Temperatures are expected to dip down into the 40's again tonight and it is important she is found quickly. If you see Judy or believe you may have seen her in the area, please call the Sheriff's Dispatch Center at (805) 654-9511 or dial 9-1-1.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Denise Sliva

**News Release Date:** 11/28/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Denise Sliva (805) 947-9258

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**###**

Missing At Risk / Subject Located  
11/30/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Missing At Risk / Subject Located

**Report Number:** 16-177744

**Location:** 6700 Block of Old Balcom Canyon Road

**Date & Time:** November 30, 2016 / 3:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Patrol Services; Sheriff's Major Crimes; Sheriff's Aviation Unit; Sheriff's East Valley Search and Rescue; Upper Ojai Search and Rescue; Fillmore Search and Rescue; Sheriff's Mounted Unit; Sheriff's Mounted Posse; Sheriff's Dive Team; Sheriff's Search and Rescue K-9; Thousand Oaks DART; Camarillo DART; Office of Emergency Services; Unmanned Aerial Systems; Camarillo CERT

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(MP) Judith 'Judy' Wurtz	Somis	76

**Narrative:**

On Sunday, November 27, 2016, at about 6:00 p.m., Judith 'Judy' Wurtz was reported missing by her family from their home in Somis. According to Judy's family, she suffered from dementia, but otherwise was in good health. The Sheriff's Office sent numerous resources to support patrol deputies searching, including Search and Rescue ground teams, Search and Rescue K-9 tracking dogs, and Aviation Unit resources with Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) technology. The search for Judy continued for multiple days.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at about 2:30 p.m., the Sheriff's Office received information that Judy had been spotted walking in the area of Balcom Canyon Road and Grimes Canyon Road. Deputies responded to the location and made contact with the citizen who was shown a picture of Judy. The citizen confirmed he saw Judy walking in the area about one hour prior. At around 3:30 p.m., the Sheriff Office received an additional call for service of a possible person found under foliage in the 6700 block of Old Balcom Canyon Road.

Deputies from the Moorpark substation and members of the Search and Rescue ground teams responded to the location. Judy was located under an avocado tree, covered in leaves, and semi alert. Judy was carried to a waiting Search and Rescue vehicle and transported to a nearby clearing. There she was treated by paramedics from Air Squad Six and transported to an area hospital. Judy was in stable condition at the time she reached the hospital.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office responds to multiple Alzheimer's and Dementia related calls for service each year. Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or Dementia is a labor of love and can sometimes become overwhelming. Please seek out help through your health care provider

or online at [www.alzheimers.gov](http://www.alzheimers.gov).

**Prepared by:** Deputy Christopher Dyer

**News Release Date:** 11/30/16

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Christopher Dyer (805) 535-0270

**Approved by:** Captain Ian Laughlin

###

**Identity Theft / Burglary Crime Spree Arrest**

12/1/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft/Burglary Crime Spree Arrest  
**Report Number:** RB #16-157102  
**Location:** Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Diego Counties  
**Date & Time:** 12/01/2016 @ 11:30 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Detectives and San Diego County Sheriff's Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(A) Jonathan Jessop	Oceanside	37 yrs

**Narrative:**

During the month of October, 2016, an Ojai resident was the victim of a residential burglary. Several of his personal credit cards were stolen, along with his 1992 Toyota van. It was determined the victim's stolen credit cards were used to make numerous fraudulent purchases at various Lowe's Home Improvement and Home Depot stores throughout Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Diego Counties. The total amount of the loss exceeded \$10,000.00.

Ojai Detectives began investigating this crime. Evidence was collected and video surveillance was obtained. The video showed a suspect using the victim's credit cards making approximately thirteen separate fraudulent credit card transactions. These locations were over a span of three different counties.

Ojai Detectives were able to identify the suspect seen on the video surveillance footage as convicted felon Jonathan Jessop, a transient from the Oceanside area. With the assistance of The San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the victim's stolen van was recovered, however Jessop fled on foot. He was later apprehended by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department personnel and turned over to Ojai Detectives.

Jessop was subsequently arrested and he was transported to the Ventura County Jail where he remains in custody with his bail set at \$ 500,000.00. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has charged Jessop with seven separate counts of identity theft, three counts of burglary, and one count of grand theft.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

Especially during the holidays, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to be aware of loose mail placed in unlocked mail boxes and theft of mail left in unlocked mail boxes for extended time periods. Please remember that Postal Inspectors across the country work hard to protect your mail. But with deliveries to more than 100 million addresses, the Postal Inspection Service can't do the job alone. You can protect your mail from thieves by remembering to pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail. This diligence will assist in the prevention of becoming a victim of identity theft.

***If you see or suspect a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately 9-1-1, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 and (press 3) or visit the below link.***

<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/investigations/mailfraud/fraudschemes/mailtheft/tipthieves.aspx>

**Prepared by:** Detective Will Hollowell  
**News Release Date:** 12/01/2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Will Hollowell 805-477-7042  
**Approved by:** Captain David Kenney

***Attachment: Booking Photo***

**Multiple Commercial Burglaries**

12/1/2016 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Multiple Commercial Burglaries

**Report Number:** 16-178407, 16-178416

**Location:** 2100 Block of Newbury Road, Thousand Oaks  
2200 Block of Michael Drive, Thousand Oaks  
900 Block of Broadbeck Drive, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** November 29, 2016 @ 1:45 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Unk	Unk	Unk

**Narrative:**

On November 29, 2016, officers with the Thousand Oaks Police responded to several businesses that had been burglarized in the city of Thousand Oaks.

During the investigation, officers learned three suspects forced entry into five separate businesses within minutes of each other. Once inside the businesses, the suspects removed money and merchandise. The suspects then exited the businesses and left in a two door vehicle. An additional business was broken into a short distance away in the same manner, but it unknown at this time whether this burglary is related to the others.

The suspects were captured on surveillance video during the burglaries. The suspects were wearing masks, hoodies and gloves to conceal their identities.

If you have any information on this crime, please contact Thousand Oaks Detective Christopher Zapata (805) 494-8221 or at [christopher.zapata@ventura.org](mailto:christopher.zapata@ventura.org).

The Thousand Oaks Police Department recommends business owners help reduce their chances of being victimized by taking precautions such as, leaving no cash inside the business after they have closed, and leaving cash drawers open and visible. Additionally, if your business is equipped with video surveillance, please take a moment to ensure it is properly operating.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank the public for its continued support, and would like ask that if you see something, say something.

**Prepared by:** Detective Timothy Lohman

**Media Release Date:** December 1, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Timothy Lohman, (805) 947-8255  
[Tim.lohman@ventura.org](mailto:Tim.lohman@ventura.org)

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Grand Theft of Rare Plants / Arrest**

12/2/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Grand theft of rare plants/ Arrest  
**Report Number:** RB#16-175831  
**Location:** 500 block of Prospect Street, Oakview, CA  
**Date & Time:** On 11/18/2016 between 1100 and 1200 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) King, Cassidy	Carpinteria	28

**Narrative:**

On 11/18/2016, an unknown suspect entered the Desert Images Nursery, located in the 500 block of Prospect Street in the unincorporated area of Oakview, and took two rare plants. Those plants were a Haworthia Trungata and a Haworthia Maughani, valued at \$750 and \$500 respectively. The victim reported the theft to police on 11/23/2016.

At the time of the report, the manager recalled only one customer entering the greenhouse where the plants were located and noticed him in the area of the missing plants. The manager also noted the personalized license plate on the vehicle the suspect was driving and provided that information to detectives from the Ojai Police Station. Detectives followed up on the information and were able to show the manager a photographic lineup. The manager positively identified Cassidy King of Carpinteria as the suspect.

Over the course of the following week, detectives searched for King and ultimately located him at his home on 12/2/2016. King was interviewed and confessed to the theft. Detectives recovered the stolen plants and later returned them to the rightful owner.

King was arrested for the plant theft and is currently out of custody awaiting his court appearance.

With the holiday season in full swing, the Ojai Police Department would like to remind everyone to report suspicious activity. Package and ornament theft is high this time of year. When possible, obtain a license plate number of suspicious vehicles as the information often leads to solving crimes.

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**Prepared by:** Detective Joe Mulrooney

**Media Release Date:** 12/2/2016

**Follow-Up Contact:** Detective J. Mulrooney 805-477-7038

**Approved by:** Captain D. Kenney

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**Start Smart**

12/5/2016 10:00:00 AM

- Nature of Incident:** Start Smart
- Location:** Thousand Oaks Police Station ' East County Community Room
- Date & Time:** Thursday, December 8th, 2016 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau

Start Smart is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Thousand Oaks Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents.

Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16 to 19 year olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, the Start Smart Program is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to collisions.

Interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271 for more information and to make a reservation. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents. We still have room available for this Thursday. There is no charge to attend the program.

- Prepared by:** Deputy Marcos Moreno
- Media Release Date:** 10/05/2016
- Media Follow-Up Contact:** Deputy Marcos Moreno
- Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

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***responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

**Attempted Bank Robbery**

12/6/2016 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempted Bank Robbery**Report Number:** 16-181808**Location:** Bank of America - 2345 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA. 91320**Date & Time:** 12/05/2016 @ 6:00 PM**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Investigations / Major Crimes Bureau**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

S-1: Adult Caucasian Female

**City of Residence**

Unknown

**Age**

20-30

**Narrative:**

On 12/05/2016 at approximately 6:00 PM, patrol officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the Bank of America located at 2345 Borchard Road in Newbury Park in reference to a bank robbery that had just occurred.

Once on scene, the officers learned that a female suspect entered the bank, approached a bank teller, and passed a note demanding money. The teller walked away from the counter and informed other employees, who then activated the bank's alarm system. The suspect left the bank and investigators believe she is associated to a dark colored vehicle, which was seen leaving the area.

The suspect and the associated vehicle were captured on video surveillance. The suspect is described as a white female, approximately 5'7' tall, with a thin build, between 20-30 years old, with brown eyes.

The Thousand Oaks Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the subject in the attached surveillance photographs. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective J. Sullivan at (805) 947-8109.

**Prepared by:** Detective James Sullivan**News Release Date:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**Media Follow-Up Contact:**Detective James Sullivan , Thousand Oaks  
Investigations / Major Crimes Bureau (805) 947-  
8109

**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Camarillo Homicide Suspect Located**

12/7/2016 7:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Homicide suspect located  
**Report Number:** 16-162212  
**Location:** 400 Block Walker Ave, Camarillo  
**Date & Time:** October 28th, 2016 @ 1:17 AM  
**Unit Responsible:** Major Crimes Investigations Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>
(S) Guzman, Jose	Camarillo
(D) Richards ' Guzman, Stacey	Camarillo

**Narrative:**

On October 28, 2016, at approximately 0117 hours, deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Walker Ave, Camarillo. Upon arriving, deputies located (V) Stacey Guzman inside the residence suffering from significant life threatening injuries; however her husband (S) Jose Guzman had fled the scene.

During the investigation, detectives quickly determined Jose, was the sole suspect involved in Stacey's attack. Jose had severely bludgeoned Stacey, before leaving in one of the family's vehicles. Stacey was transported to the hospital for medical treatment, but succumbed to her injuries later that morning.

A lengthy and intense investigation was conducted in an attempt to locate Jose both in and out of the country. On 12/4/2016, Imperial County Sheriff's responded to a call for service where a deceased male was located on a ranch in the area of East Faucet Rd in Imperial County. The Imperial County Sheriff ' Coroner's Office used fingerprint analysis to identify the decedent as Jose Guzman. Jose's cause of death was determined to be a suicide resulting from a self-inflicted gunshot.

**Prepared by:** Detective Mark Gillette  
**News Release Date:** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up:** Detective Mark Gillette / 805-384-4727  
**Approved:** Captain Melissa Smith

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**###**

**Threat to Courthouse**

12/8/2016 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Threat to courthouse  
**Report Number:** 16-182652  
**Location:** Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse, 4353 E. Vineyard Ave, Oxnard  
**Date & Time:** 12/7/2016 @ 9:25 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Court Services Bureau and Sheriff's Gang Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Joshua Gibson	Oxnard, CA	31

**Narrative:**

On 12/7/2016, (S) Joshua Gibson made verbal threats to blow up the Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse and to shoot an officer. Gibson was upset after being found guilty of a traffic violation. Court staff immediately reported the threats to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The courthouse was immediately searched for possible explosive devices. None were found.

Investigators with the Sheriff's Gang Unit (SGU) quickly located Gibson and arrested him without incident. No firearms or explosive items were located during Gibson's arrest and subsequent search.

Gibson was arrested and was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility for PC 422 / Criminal Threats. His bail is set at \$200,000.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Court Services Bureau is committed to providing a safe and secure atmosphere conducive to the peaceful, efficient administration of justice. All threats against the court and judicial officers are taken seriously and aggressively investigated.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Tim Lanquist

**News Release Date:** 12/8/2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Denise Sliva  
(805) 947-9258

**Approved by:** Captain Mike Hartmann

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**Moorpark Hit & Run Suspect Arrested**

12/9/2016 8:08:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Hit and Run Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-183564  
**Location:** Tierra Rejada Road / Harvester Street, Moorpark  
**Date & Time:** 12/09/2016 @ 9:46 am  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Moorpark Traffic

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) Female Bicyclist	Moorpark	62
(S) Jasmine Duran	Moorpark	33

**Narrative:**

On 12/09/2016, at approximately 9:46 am, a female bicyclist was riding northbound on Tierra Rejada Road, just south of Harvester Street, in the marked bicycle lane of traffic. (A) Jasmine Duran was driving a dark green Toyota Camry traveling northbound on Tierra Rejada Road in the number 2 lane of traffic and approaching the bicyclist from behind. For unknown reasons, the Toyota Camry moved into the bicycle lane and collided with the bicyclist. Duran then fled the scene at a high rate of speed northbound on Tierra Rejada Road. The Toyota Camry was last seen traveling eastbound on Poindexter Avenue at Tech Circle.

The bicyclist sustained major injuries as a result of the collision.

As a result of the investigation by patrol deputies and detectives, at approximately 3:00 pm, the Toyota Camry was located in an orchard in the 13000 block of Broadway Road in Moorpark. Deputies also located and arrested Duran at the same location.

Duran was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura for violations of VC 23153(e) 'Driving under the influence of drugs and VC 20001(a) ' Felony hit and run. Duran's bail has been set at \$50,000.00.

If you witnessed the traffic collision, observed the Toyota Camry in the area, or have any information concerning this incident, please contact Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko ' (805)947-8217 or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office ' Moorpark Police Station at (805)532-2700.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Darin Hendren

**News Release Date:** 12/09/2016

**Media Follow-Up** Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko  
**Contact:** [nolan.stoyko@ventura.org](mailto:nolan.stoyko@ventura.org)  
805-532-2711

**Approved by:** Captain John Reilly

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**Investigators Seek Newbury Park Bank Robber**

12/12/2016 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempted Bank Robbery

**Report Number:** 16-181808

**Location:** Bank of America - 2345 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA. 91320

**Date & Time:** 12/05/2016 @ 6:00 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Investigations / Major Crimes Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
S-1: Adult Caucasian Female	Unknown	20-30

**Narrative:**

On 12/05/2016 at approximately 6:00 PM, patrol officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the Bank of America located at 2345 Borchard Road in Newbury Park in reference to a bank robbery that had just occurred.

Once on scene, the officers learned that a female suspect entered the bank, approached a bank teller, and passed a note demanding money. The teller walked away from the counter and informed other employees, who then activated the bank's alarm system. The suspect left the bank and investigators believe she is associated to a dark colored vehicle, which was seen leaving the area.

The suspect and the associated vehicle were captured on video surveillance. The suspect is described as a white female, approximately 5'7' tall, with a thin build, between 20-30 years old, with brown eyes.

The Thousand Oaks Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the subject in the attached surveillance photographs. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective J. Sullivan at (805) 947-8109.

**Prepared by:** Detective James Sullivan

**News Release Date:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective James Sullivan , Thousand Oaks Investigations / Major Crimes Bureau (805) 947-8109

**Approved by:**

Captain Mike Hartmann

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## Extra Patrols Planned for Impaired Drivers

12/15/2016 7:02:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement mobilization

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ' January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Departments

### **Narrative:**

## **This Holiday Season, The Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Departments Are Looking For Drunk Drivers *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

This holiday season, the Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Departments will be out looking for drunk & drugged drivers as part of a special year-end *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement mobilization.

'Beginning December 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing into the New Year, you will see stepped up enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired,' said Camarillo Police Chief Chris Dunn. 'We want to keep our roads safe for holiday travelers, so we will have zero tolerance for drunk or drugged driving.'

As part of the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign period, The Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Departments will be deploying DUI Checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols during the upcoming 17-day DUI crackdown.

Drugs such as prescription medication, marijuana or illicit drugs can impair judgment and get you the same DUI arrest as alcohol. Nationally in 2014, 32,675 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes with 9,967 people killed in crashes involving an impaired driver. In California, total highway deaths were reported at 3,126 with 1,155 lives lost in alcohol and/or drug impaired collisions. If you're caught driving impaired by alcohol or drugs, you could face jail time, fines, loss of driver's license, towing fees, and other DUI expenses, totaling \$10,000 on average.

'Driving under the influence is not only costly, but can ruin the holidays for you, your family or for

someone else's family,' said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. 'Make the decision to drive sober or use our DDVIP app to help you find a safe ride home for yourself or your friends if you know they've been drinking.'

Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or 'DDVIP,' free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

For more information on the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign and all OTS efforts, visit [www.ots.ca.gov](http://www.ots.ca.gov). To learn more about the DDVIP app, please visit the OTS Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOTS](http://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOTS) or follow OTS on Twitter @OTS\_CA.

The Camarillo and Thousand Oaks Police Departments wants everyone to have a safe and memorable holiday season, and is calling on everyone to be alert; 'Report Drunk Drivers ' Call 911!

Funding for this holiday enforcement campaign is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572  
**News Release Date:** December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sergeant Sean Britt ' 805-388-5132  
william.britt@ventura.org  
**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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**Oak View Rabobank Robbers Arrested**

12/15/2016 7:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrests made in Rabobank bank robberies

**Report Number:** 16-119818 / 16-133065

**Location:** 410 N. Ventura Avenue, Oak View

**Date & Time:** 08-09-16 / 09-02-16

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau; Ojai Valley Patrol; Ojai Valley Detectives; Federal Bureau of Investigation

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
S- Kellner, James Stewart	Ventura	38
S-Ruben Brian Mendoza	Ventura	32

**Narrative:**

On 08-09-16, deputies from the Ojai Valley patrol station responded to a 911 call of a bank robbery at the Rabobank, located at 410 N. Ventura Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Ventura County known as Oak View. On arrival, deputies learned that a single male suspect entered the bank and produced a note demanding money. A bank employee gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect fled to an awaiting getaway vehicle. Detectives with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded and initiated an investigation into the robbery.

Through the investigation, it was discovered that a suspicious male had entered the bank on 08-08-16 and appeared to be casing it. Detectives obtained video surveillance footage of the subject and positively identified him as Ruben Mendoza, a documented gang member from the city of Ventura. Detectives discovered that Mendoza had been convicted in 2008 of conspiracy to commit an armed robbery of the same Rabobank branch and had been sentenced to state prison.

On 09-02-16, a second robbery occurred at the Rabobank. During this second robbery, a single male suspect entered the bank and pointed a handgun at bank employees while demanding money. Bank employees gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect fled to an awaiting getaway vehicle parked nearby.

An alert passerby observed the suspect flee the bank and get into the getaway vehicle, driven by another suspect. As the red SUV began to flee the area, it was involved in a minor traffic collision with the passerby's vehicle.

Deputies were able to ascertain the vehicle description, including a license plate number, and last known direction of travel. Deputies ultimately located the vehicle abandoned a short distance away on Valley Road and discovered that it was an unreported stolen vehicle. Deputies conducted an extensive search of the area utilizing police canines, but were unable to locate the suspects. A firearm and other evidence believed to be related to the robbery were located near the abandoned vehicle.

Based on evidence obtained in this investigation, Major Crimes detectives determined that Mendoza and another male, identified as James Kellner, were responsible for both bank robberies. Detectives arrested Kellner on 11-07-16 at the Todd Road Jail, where he was in custody for an unrelated case. Kellner's bail amount is currently set at \$160,000. Kellner's next scheduled court date is 04-04-16.

Major Crimes detectives worked closely with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to locate Mendoza. Mendoza was ultimately located in the state of Texas and taken into custody on 11-03-16. Mendoza was extradited back to Ventura County and was arrested on 12-14-16 for the robberies. Mendoza is currently in custody in the Ventura County Jail with a bail amount of \$600,000. His next scheduled court date is 12-16-16.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Ron Chips  
**News Release Date:** 12-15-16  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Ron Chips (805) 765-0617  
**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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**Carjacking and multiple vehicle theft suspect arrested**

12/17/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Carjacking and multiple vehicle theft suspect arrested

**Report Number:** 16-187299

**Location:** PCH south of Yerba Buena Road, Malibu

**Date & Time:** 12-16-16 / 1851 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau; Camarillo Patrol; Headquarters Patrol; Sheriff's K-9; Sheriff's Gang Unit; Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail; Sheriff's Aviation Unit; ARTIC

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
S- Eric Ramos	Oxnard	23

**Narrative:**

On 12-16-16, at about 1851 hours, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a carjacking that just occurred on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) just south of Yerba Buena Road in the unincorporated area of Ventura County. When deputies arrived, they learned that the victim had been seated in his vehicle parked along PCH. The victim noticed a sedan stop and park directly behind his vehicle. Shortly thereafter, a male suspect, later identified as Eric Ramos, approached the victim's vehicle and forcibly removed the victim from inside. After a brief struggle, during which the victim sustained minor injuries, Ramos entered the victim's vehicle and drove it away from the scene.

Camarillo patrol deputies responding to the call, saw a vehicle matching the victim's vehicle parked along the shoulder of Las Posas Road south of Hueneme Road in the unincorporated Oxnard Plains area. Deputies stopped to check on the vehicle and confirmed it was, in fact, the victim's vehicle that had been abandoned by Ramos. Additionally, deputies discovered that the sedan which had initially parked behind the victim's vehicle was an unreported stolen vehicle from the city of Oxnard.

Multiple Sheriff's K-9's along with a Sheriff's helicopter were called in to assist with the search for Ramos. Additionally, resources from the Sheriff's Gang Unit, Camarillo Police Special

Enforcement Detail, Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, the Sheriff's Advanced Real-Time Information Center (ARTIC) also assisted with the search for Ramos.

During the search, deputies learned that the California Highway Patrol had received a call of a vehicle theft that had just occurred in the area of Wood Road and Hueneme Road. It was discovered that a second victim had been approached by a suspect, believed to be Ramos, who asked for a ride. Ramos then got into the second victim's vehicle and drove away, stranding the victim along the side of the road.

Over the next few hours, deputies continued to pursue several investigative leads in the hunt for Ramos. Evidence linking Ramos to each of these crimes was discovered during the investigation.

At about 2330 hours, ARTIC received information from the California Highway Patrol-Antelope Valley Station that the second victim's vehicle had been found on a remote stretch of road in the Leona Valley area. Deputies contacted Highway Patrol officers who reported the vehicle had been crashed into a hillside and abandoned. ARTIC contacted area law enforcement agencies and forwarded Ramos' information. At about 0045 hours, deputies with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department found Ramos walking near the area of the abandoned stolen vehicle. Ramos displayed injuries consistent with a traffic collision. Ramos was detained and members of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded to take him into custody.

Ramos was booked into the Ventura County Jail on one count of carjacking and two counts of auto theft. His bail is currently set at \$110,000 and is scheduled to appear in court on 12-20-16.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Ron Chips  
**News Release Date:** 12-17-16  
**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Sgt. Ron Chips (805) 765-0617  
**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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**Camarillo Police Community Outreach**

12/19/2016 2:43:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Police Department Community Outreach

**Report Number:**

**Location:** 3701 Las Posas, Camarillo, Ca 93010

**Date & Time:** 12/19/2016 - 11:00AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Community Resource Unit

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department would like to let the community know that they may see the Police Department's Mobile Command Post out in the city in the coming months. In an effort to interact more with our community members, the Command Post will be deployed to various shopping centers with a deputy on board.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to stop and say hello. Flyers will be available inside the Command Post with information about upcoming events, classes, and programs offered at the Camarillo Police Department.

Please stop by to meet some of your local police officers, inquire about current events within the City and your Police Department or to get a quick tour of the Command Post to learn how it is used during critical events.

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**News Release Date:** 12/19/2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Detention Services - Launching Inmate Canine Training Program**

12/19/2016 6:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Detention Services to Launch Inmate Canine Training Program

**Location:** Detention Services Division -Todd Road Jail Facility  
600 South Todd Road, Santa Paula

**Date & Time:** January 2017

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Detention Services Division will be launching a new interactive inmate program named "R.U.F.F. Road" (Rehabilitation Utilizing Furry Friends) scheduled to start in January 2017. The 16-week collaborative program allows inmates who are instructed by expert dog trainers to train shelter dogs in preparation for adoption.

The Sheriff's Office has established a partnership with Pivot Animal Assisted Education Outreach, a non-profit organization that aims to give dogs facing euthanasia at local shelters a second chance by providing them training that makes them more adoptable. The inmates will teach basic obedience, house training, and socialization skills through positive reinforcement.

Inmates will be selected for the program based on completion of an application, good behavior, participation in other Detention Services educational/vocational programs, and an interview with program staff.

This program allows inmates a chance to give back to their community by training dogs to be well-behaved American Kennel Club Good Citizen Pets. While the dogs learn good behavior, trust, and skills that improve their adoption chances, the inmate's gains patience, confidence, self-pride, communication and job skills.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Pivot hope to help the community by allowing jail inmates an opportunity to choose a different path in life; a life free of crime. Pivot is one example of many organizations willing to work tirelessly to find and save last chance shelter dogs using inmates in county jails.

For more information about Pivot, please visit [www.pivotareo.org](http://www.pivotareo.org)

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**Approved by:**

Captain Don Aguilar

**VENTURA COUNTY INTERAGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL  
CRIMES UNIT  
News Story Release**

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Overdose Leads to 13 Arrests

**Report Number:** 16-176225, 16-187246

**Location:** 2100 Block Scenicpark Street, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** November 24, 2016 at 2:54 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Thousand Oaks Police Department  
Moorpark Police Department  
Simi Valley Police Department  
Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Robert Haupt	Thousand Oaks	46
(S) Christopher Montgomery	Thousand Oaks	34
(S) Jessica Alt	Thousand Oaks	18
(S) John Alt	Thousand Oaks	50
(S) Pierre Chable	Thousand Oaks	22
(S) Stephen Canfield	Thousand Oaks	31
(S) Cassidy Parnell	Camarillo	23
(S) Christina Doherty	Thousand Oaks	24
(S) Alex Goodro	Thousand Oaks	22
(S) Frank Ceja	Moorpark	21
(S) Matthew Baake	Thousand Oaks	22
(S) Paul Markas	Simi Valley	26
(S) Taylor Roberts	Simi Valley	22
(S) Gary Markas	Simi Valley	52

**Narrative:**

On November 24, 2016, at about 3 a.m., Deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the 2100 block of Scenicpark Drive, Thousand Oaks, for a report of a heroin overdose. Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department, investigators from the

Sheriff's Office West County Major Crimes, and the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit responded to the scene and learned Robert Haupt had been taken by ambulance to a local hospital. Haupt died several days later from complications related to the probable drug overdose. Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Major Crimes Detectives began an investigation into Haupt's death. In a coordinated effort with Thousand Oaks Police Department, Moorpark Police Department, and Officers from the Simi Valley Police Department, numerous interviews were conducted and arrests were made of individuals who were associated with Haupt and / or involved in selling him drugs.

On November 30, 2016, Detectives saw Christopher Montgomery with Christina Doherty and Cassidy Parnell in Thousand Oaks. Doherty and Parnell met with Montgomery briefly before leaving the area in Parnell's vehicle. Montgomery was contacted during a traffic enforcement stop with Jessica and John Alt. Montgomery, Jessica Alt, and John Alt were believed to be under the influence of a controlled substance and arrested. During a search of the vehicle, approximately 15 grams of methamphetamine and controlled prescription medications were located. After further investigation, Jessica Alt was arrested for possession for sales of methamphetamine and prescription medication. John Alt was also arrested for possession for sales of methamphetamine.

Later that day, Deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department contacted Pierre Chable and arrested him for an outstanding warrant. Additionally, Chable was found to be in possession of drugs, under the influence of a controlled substance, and he provided false information to a police officer. Chable was arrested. Stephen Canfield was contacted with Chable and also arrested for an outstanding warrant, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following day, December 1, 2016, Deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department contacted Cassidy Parnell during a call for service. During the contact, Deputies located various narcotics and arrested Parnell for being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession for sale of methamphetamine, and possession of heroin, prescription medication, and drug paraphernalia.

Also, on December 1, 2016, Christina Doherty and Alex Goodro were contacted by Patrol Deputies and arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

On December 2, 2016, Frank Ceja and Matthew Baake were seen leaving a residence in the 300 block of Royal Ave, Simi Valley. Detectives followed Ceja and Baake to several locations in Simi Valley including a gas station off Erringer Road where they stopped to use the restroom for several minutes. Officers from the Simi Valley Police Department contacted the subjects during a traffic enforcement stop after Ceja and Baake left the gas station. They were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. The investigation revealed they stopped at the gas station to smoke heroin.

Later that evening of December 2, 2016, Detectives learned of an individual who was at a local hospital after suffering a non-fatal heroin overdose. Investigators followed up with the overdose and learned that subject was associated with the residents of the house in the 300 block of Royal Ave, Simi Valley.

Through these two overdoses, ten arrests, and several additional interviews and investigative leads, Detectives determined that Haupt had obtained heroin from the residence in the 300 block of Royal Ave, Simi Valley. Detectives wrote and served a search warrant at that address on December 16, 2016. Paul Markas, Taylor Roberts, and Gary Markas were at the residence at the time of service. All three were believed to be under the influence of a controlled substance and arrested. Additionally, Paul Markas and Taylor Roberts were found to be in possession of heroin for sale. After searching the residence and conducting additional interviews, Paul Markas and Taylor Roberts were arrested for conspiracy to provide Heroin to Robert Haupt on November 23, 2016, which was believed to be responsible for his death. They were additionally arrested for maintaining a place where drugs were used and / or sold. Their residence was also believed to be used for fencing stolen property.

This investigation is still ongoing and all individuals have future court dates pending.

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**News Release Date:** December 20, 2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

###

**Sheriff's Aviation - Suspect Arrested for Aircraft Laser Strike**

12/20/2016 2:38:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Ventura County Sheriff Aircraft laser strike suspect arrested

**Report Number:** 16-187344

**Location:** 2100 Block of Isabella Street, Oxnard

**Date & Time:** 12/16/2016 / 2050 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Aviation Unit; Oxnard Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
S ' Phillip Steven Adame	Oxnard	44

**Narrative:**

On 12/16/2016, a Ventura County Sheriff's Helicopter (Copter 3) assisted Camarillo patrol deputies with a search for a carjacking suspect in the area of East Pleasant Valley Road and Laguna Road.

During the search, Copter 3 received numerous laser strikes over twenty-minutes. The laser strikes were coming from the 2100 block of Isabella Street in the city of Oxnard and members of the Oxnard Police Department were notified. The responding officer's located (S) Phillip Steven Adame at the scene. Adame was found with evidence connecting him to the laser strikes and he was arrested.

Adame was booked into the Ventura County Jail on one felony count of discharging a laser at an aircraft, one count of being in possession of a controlled substance, and one count of possessing drug paraphernalia. Adame's bail is currently set at \$10,000 and he is scheduled to appear in court on 12/20/2016.

Laser pointers cause a distraction and pilots are particularly vulnerable to laser lights when conducting low-level flight operations at night. Many people do not realize the problem is that the beam is much larger at long distances. Even though the laser projects a small, millimeter-sized dot close up, at longer distances the beam can be many inches across. When the beam hits the bubble of a helicopter or windscreen of a cockpit, imperfections in and on the glass spread the light out even more causing glare and flash blindness. These effects can be especially debilitating when the eyes are adapted to the low-light level of a cockpit at night. The effects have been described as being similar to a camera flash at close proximity or the brightness of high-beam headlights from oncoming traffic.

For these reasons, you should **NEVER** aim a laser pointer at or near a helicopter or airplane; it is

not safe and you may be arrested.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Ryan Poynter

**News Release Date:** 12/18/2016

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**Approved by:** Sergeant Don White

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###

**Agoura Man Arrested for Narcotics and Weapons Violations**

12/21/2016 10:08:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Arrest  
**Report Number:** 16-189187  
**Location:** 2300 block of Laguna Circle Drive, Agoura Hills  
**Date & Time:** 12/20/2016, 2030 Hours  
**Unit Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Mulvey, Sean	Agoura Hills	47

**Narrative:**

On 12/20/2016, Detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's East County Narcotics Team concluded an investigation into an Agoura Hills resident, Sean Mulvey, who was involved in the sales of illegal narcotics to residents of Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

Detectives with the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit and Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Units assisted with the investigation and detained Mulvey after he left his residence located on the 2300 block of Laguna Circle Drive. During a search of Mulvey's vehicle, detectives located a significant amount of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. Mulvey was arrested and a team of detectives executed a search warrant at Mulvey's residence.

During the search of Mulvey's residence, detectives located additional amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin. They also located an amount of psilocybin mushrooms and marijuana. Total drug seizure was over one pound of methamphetamine, one pound of cocaine, and one pound of marijuana, 5 ounces of heroin, and 1-1/2 ounces of psilocybin mushrooms.

Over \$2,600 in currency was deemed to be proceeds from the illegal sales of drugs and was seized. Additionally, numerous firearms were found and seized from the residence. Mulvey is a convicted felon and not allowed to possess any type of firearm. A total of 13 firearms were seized, 7 rifles (4 of which were assault type weapons) and 6 handguns. Numerous high capacity magazines were also seized as well as ammunition.

Mulvey was booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for numerous narcotic and weapon violations. His bail is set at \$500,000. He is currently in custody pending bail or arraignment which is scheduled for 12/22/2016, at 1:30 PM.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Jose Rivera

**Media Release Date:** 12/21/2016

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**Approved by:** Captain Melissa Smith

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###

**Thousand Oaks - Man Arrested for Involuntary Manslaughter Following Overdose**  
**Death**  
12/21/2016 4:05:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Heroin Overdose Resulting In Death Leads To An Arrest

**Report Number:** 16-136308

**Location:** 3800 Block Elkwood Street, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 0725 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Sheriff's Major Crimes East County Bureau  
Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force  
Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit  
Thousand Oaks Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(D) Male Juvenile	Thousand Oaks	16
(S) Ross Duncan Cumming	Thousand Oaks	19

**Narrative:**

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at about 07:25 a.m., Deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the 3800 block of Elkwood Street, Thousand Oaks, for a report of a heroin overdose. Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department, investigators from the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau, Sheriff's Major Crimes East County Bureau, Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force and the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit responded to the scene and learned a male juvenile (16 years) had passed away as a result of heroin use. Detectives from The Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau and the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit began an investigation into the juvenile's death. In a coordinated effort with the Thousand Oaks Police Department, numerous interviews were conducted and arrests were made of individuals who were associated with the juvenile and / or involved in selling him drugs.

Through these arrests, several interviews and investigative leads, detectives determined that the juvenile had obtained heroin from Ross Cumming. Detectives wrote and served search warrants at multiple residences. After serving the search warrants, obtaining evidence and conducting additional interviews, Ross Cumming was arrested for conspiracy, furnishing heroin to a minor and involuntary manslaughter on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

This investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected to be made.

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###

**Unincorporated Camarillo - Attempt Murder Suspect Arrested**

12/21/2016 6:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Attempted Murder Investigation

**Report Number:** 16-174348

**Location:** Nancy Street, unincorporated area of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 11/20/2016, at about 0358 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Camarillo Patrol, Camarillo Detectives, Camarillo SED, Thousand Oaks Police Department Special Enforcement Unit, Sheriff's Gang Unit, Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inglewood Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
(V) ' Adult	Camarillo	22
(S) ' Devin Sinegal	Northridge	23

**Narrative:**

On 11/20/2016, during the early morning hours, deputies from Camarillo patrol station responded to a shooting on Nancy Street, which is located in the unincorporated area of Camarillo. On arrival, deputies contacted an adult victim who reported being shot at by an unidentified suspect. Deputies also located evidence confirming that a shooting had taken place. Detectives with the Camarillo Station, Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail (SED), and the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded and initiated an investigation into the shooting. Through the investigation, it was discovered that the victim's vehicle was struck several times in addition to a nearby residence.

Over the course of the investigation, detectives identified (S) Devin Sinegal of Northridge as the suspect involved in the shooting. Devin Sinegal is an active participant of a criminal street gang based out of the county of Los Angeles.

On 12/04/2016, Devin Sinegal was arrested by officers of the Inglewood Police Department on unrelated charges. Evidence related to the Nancy Street shooting was located by Inglewood Police Officers at the time of Sinegal's arrest.

On 12/06/2016, members of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Camarillo SED, Thousand Oaks SED, and the Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau executed a search warrant at Sinegal's residence in Northridge while he was in custody on the unrelated Inglewood matter. Additional evidence

pertaining to the shooting was found during the search.

On 12/21/2016, members of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau and Camarillo SED worked with the Inglewood Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to make contact with Sinegal, who was out of custody on bond. Sinegal was contacted by detectives at the Inglewood Courthouse and arrested.

Ultimately, Sinegal was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility on charges of attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, felon in possession of a firearm with prior violent crime conviction, unlawful firearm transfer, felon in possession of ammunition, street terrorism, and commission of a crime for the benefit of the gang.

Sinegal was transported to the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility where he was booked for the aforementioned felonious offenses. He is currently in custody with a \$500,000 bail amount. His next court appearance will be on 12/23/2016.

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**News Release Date:** 12/21/2016

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###

**Headquarters/Sheriff's Gang Unit Gift Bicycle to Family**

12/22/2016 4:22:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Gift of bicycle to Dixon Family

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Headquarters Patrol Station

**Date & Time:** December 22, 2016 10:30 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Gang Unit, Headquarters Patrol Station Personnel, Office of Emergency Services

**Narrative:**

In Early December 2016, investigators assigned to the Sheriff's Gang Unit were conducting a follow-up investigation in the community of El Rio. During this investigation, detectives met Reggie Dixon and his son, Jordan. While speaking with Reggie, it was clear that he was an honorable man and a pillar of the community. Reggie routinely helps the youth of the community with guidance and acts as a father figure to many people.

During their contact, detectives learned that Reggie had been saving up money to purchase a tandem bicycle so he and Jordan could ride around the El Rio community. Jordan is unable to ride on a bike alone due to a medical condition. Jordan and Reggie had gone to a local bike store last year and test rode the bicycle. Jordan loved the experience of riding on the bicycle. Recently, the money that Reggie had been saving for nearly 2 years was stolen from inside his house.

Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives returned to the Headquarters Patrol Station and took up a collection from staff members to purchase the bicycle for Jordan. Professional staff members, detectives, sworn personnel, and members of the Office of Emergency Services collected \$1000 and purchased the bicycle.

On December 22nd, The Dixon family was invited to the Headquarters Patrol Station for a surprise gift. The Professional Staff and Sheriff's Deputies of the Headquarters station were proud to present the bike to Jordan and the Dixon family. Jordan immediately got on the bike with a huge smile on his face.

The theft is currently under investigation. Anyone with details or information should contact Headquarters Station detectives.

A link to video and photographs is provided below.

<https://goo.gl/nD2tps>

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**Approved by:** Commander Rick Barrios

**New Cell Phone Law Effective January 1st**

12/22/2016 2:36:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** New cell phone law, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Report Number:**

**Location:** California

**Date & Time:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
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**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Bureau would like to remind motorists that a new cell phone law takes effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

On Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the existing cell phone law, California Vehicle Code 23123.5, is being repealed and a new cell phone law, which was signed by Governor Brown on September 2016 (Assembly Bill 1785) is being put in its place.

**California Vehicle Code 23123.5. now states:**

*(a) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device unless the wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner while driving.*

*(b) This section shall not apply to manufacturer-installed systems that are embedded in the vehicle.*

*(c) A handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device may be operated in a manner requiring the use of the driver's hand while the driver is operating the vehicle only if both of the following conditions are satisfied:*

*(1) The handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield in the same manner a portable Global Positioning System (GPS) is mounted pursuant to paragraph (12) of subdivision (b) of Section 26708 or is mounted on or affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road.*

*(2) The driver's hand is used to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the handheld wireless telephone or wireless communications device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of*

*the driver's finger.*

This new cell phone law means if drivers intend to use their cellphones while operating a motor vehicle, drivers must have their cell phones mounted to the dashboard, center console, or windshield and can only use a 'feature' on the phone with a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger.

A violation of this law is an infraction. The base fine for the first offense is \$20.00 and \$50 for each subsequent offense.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 'The percentage of drivers text-messaging or visibly manipulating handheld devices increased from 1.7 percent in 2013 to 2.2 percent in 2015. Since 2007, young drivers (age 16 to 24) have been observed manipulating electronic devices at higher rates than older drivers. Data shows the average time your eyes are off the road while texting is five seconds. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.'

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**News Release Date:** 12/22/2016

**Media Follow-Up** Sergeant Sean Britt #3572

**Contact:**

**Approved by:** Captain Cory Rubright

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###

**Oak Park Child Predator Arrested**

12/22/2016 6:49:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest of Child Predator

**Report Number:** RB #15-14722

**Location:** 4800 block of Via Bensa Oak Park, Ca.

**Date & Time:** December 22, 2016 @ 10:40 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau ' Sexual Assault Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigations ' Safe Streets Task Force, Ventura County District Attorney's Office, California Department of Corrections - Parole

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Matthew David Myers	Oak Park	39
(V) 12 Juveniles, Males & Females	Ventura & Los Angeles Counties	14-17

**Narrative:**

On July 1, 2015, detectives with the City of Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau ' Sexual Assault Unit began an investigation that involved a suspect using an alias and claiming to be a 17 year old boy, who contacted a 15 year old female victim via Facebook. During the investigation, it was learned the suspect and the victim were engaging in sexually related conversations via Facebook and the suspect sought sexually explicit pictures of the victim. The early stages of the investigation also revealed the suspect had contacted a 16 year old boy using the same alias. The suspect sent the boy sexually explicit photos.

Detective's worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigations and learned the suspect was living at an address in the Oak Park area. Further investigation into the residence revealed the suspect was Matthew David Myers, a registered sex offender who was currently on parole for sexual assault related crimes that occurred between 2005 and 2009. Myers is also considered high risk and is currently being electronically monitored by Parole.

In September of 2015, detectives served a search warrant at Myers' residence and Facebook accounts. At the residence, detectives located and seized evidence that further linked Myers to child annoying, attempted production of child pornography and sending harmful matter to a minor.

During the past year, detectives completed their review of nearly 30,000 pages of evidence from Facebook and a detailed examination of the electronic devices seized from Myers' residence. This review and examination resulted in detectives locating and interviewing an additional 10 victims, bringing the total number of victims to 12.

The case was submitted to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for review in November 2016. The District Attorney's office approved a felony complaint that will charge Myers with 21 felony counts of PC 311.11(b) ' Possession of Child Pornography, PC 647.6(a) ' Annoying or Molesting a child under 18 with a prior, and PC 288.2(a) ' Sending Harmful Matter to a Minor. All of these crimes were committed using social medial sites.

On December 21, 2016, an arrest warrant for Matthew Myers was issued by the Ventura County Superior Court. On December 22, 2016, detectives arrested Myers at his place of employment in the City of Pasadena. Myers was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility with a \$1,000,000 bail. In addition to the above charges, State Parole also placed a No Bail hold on Myers for the violation of parole. Myers is scheduled to appear in court on December 27, 2016 at 1:30 PM

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**Approved by:** Captain Ross Bonfiglio



**Ojai - Domestic Violence Attempt Murder Arrest**

12/22/2016 3:32:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Domestic Violence / Attempt Murder / Aggravated Mayhem

**Report Number:** 16-189690

**Location:** 10000 Block of Creek Road, Ojai  
2200 Block of Elizabeth Street, Ventura

**Date & Time:** December 21, 2016 @ 6:51 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Ojai Police Department  
Ventura Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(V) Female Adult	Ojai	49
(S) Colin Meyer	Ventura	36

**Narrative:**

On December 21, 2016 at approximately 6:51 p.m. deputies from the Ojai Police Department responded to a physical domestic incident in the 10000 block of Creek Road. Once on scene, deputies learned that during the altercation, Colin Meyer, used a knife and cut the victim's face and throat. The female victim sustained a very deep laceration that was approximately twelve inches long narrowly missing her carotid artery. Meyer fled the scene in his vehicle.

The female victim was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where she underwent treatment that included surgery.

During the investigation, Meyer was located in the 2200 block of Elizabeth Street in the city of Ventura. A search warrant was authored and served with the assistance of the Ventura Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). Meyer was taken into custody. Meyer sustained a self-inflicted knife wound and was transported to Ventura County Medical Center.

Meyer was arrested for Domestic Violence, Aggravated Mayhem, and Attempt Homicide and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Meyer's bail is currently \$1,000,000 dollars.

Anyone who may have heard or seen the domestic is encouraged to call the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau.

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###

**Thousand Oaks - Man Killed After Vehicle Crashes Into Home**

12/22/2016 9:14:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Vehicle into a Residence Fatality  
**Report Number:** RB#16-189808  
**Location:** 2600 Block of Briarwood, Thousand Oaks, CA  
**Date & Time:** December 22, 2016 1:55AM  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(V) Igor Lirtsman	New York	74
(A) Justin Stalberg	Camarillo	19

**Narrative:**

This morning, at approximately 1:55am, (A) Justin Stalberg was driving his Ford F-150 southbound on Rustic Glen Drive. The south end of Rustic Glen ends in a cul de sac. Stalberg failed to stop at the end of the cul de sac. His vehicle left the roadway, driving over a curb and shrubbery. His vehicle crashed through a fence and down a steep embankment where it struck a residence in the 2600 block of Briarwood.

The truck crashed through a rear bedroom of the residence where (V) Igor Lirtsman was sleeping. Mr. Lirtsman suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. There were four other occupants in the residence, two adults and two children who were not physically injured.

The driver of the truck, (A) Stalberg was not injured. He was detained at the scene, and was later arrested for 23153 (A) VC / Driving While Intoxicated causing Injury, and 191.5(a) PC / Gross Vehicular Manslaughter. He was transported to the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail for booking.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department's Traffic Bureau is asking for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or can provide information leading up to collision to call the Traffic Bureau at 805-494-8271.

This was a terrible tragedy and a somber reminder during this holiday season to not drink and drive. There are many options we can use to avoid such a tragic situation. Please be cognizant that driving while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or marijuana could result in irreparable circumstances.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. B. Payton  
**Media Release Date:** December 22, 2016  
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###

**Thousand Oaks Physician Arrested**

12/22/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Thousand Oaks Physician Arrested

**Report Number:** 16-77618

**Location:** 2920 East Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** December 22, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit  
Ventura Police Department

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Dr. Paul Duran	Los Angeles	50

**Narrative:**

On December 22, 2016, the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) and the Ventura Police Department concluded a joint investigation with the arrest of Dr. Paul Duran for drug sales.

In February 2016, Detectives from the PCU and Ventura Police Department began an investigation into the illicit sales of pharmaceutical drugs on the streets of Oxnard and Ventura. The investigation revealed the pills were being sourced from a doctor's office in Thousand Oaks. Dr. Paul Duran was identified as the source of supply and over the next several months numerous undercover purchases were made from Dr. Duran at his office. Dr. Duran would write prescriptions for opioids such as oxycodone and hydrocodone, benzodiazepines such as Alprazolam (Xanax), and stimulants like dextroamphetamine / amphetamine (Adderall) with no examination or any semblance of the practice of medicine. Investigators also learned that Dr. Duran was on probation with the California Medical Board for similar activity in the past.

Detectives served a search warrant at the medical practice as well as Dr. Duran's home in West Hills. Evidence related to the illicit prescribing of medication was found at both locations.

Dr. Duran surrendered his DEA registration suspending his ability to write controlled substance prescriptions. He was booked into the Ventura County Jail. The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdose deaths due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use. Information regarding criminal activity may be emailed to

[pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) or called in to (805) 383-8700.

The California Department of Insurance and the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force assisted in this investigation.

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas

###

**Five Arrested at Motorcycle Gang Toy Run**

12/24/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Five arrested at Motorcycle Gang Toy Run

**Report Number:** 16-188123/ 16-188078

**Location:** City of Ventura

**Date & Time:** December 18, 2016

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Gang Unit, Ventura Police Department Special Enforcement Team

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b><u>City of Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Benjamin Gamanche	Murrieta	28
Steven Wolcott	Murrieta	27
Joshua Nichols	Simi Valley	24
Daniel Zahigian	Moorpark	31
Rudolph Neidhardt	Simi Valley	30

**Narrative:**

The Ventura Police Department received information that an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang had planned a toy drive event at a local establishment in the City of Ventura on Sunday, December 18th. The event was advertised to motorcycle gangs throughout Southern California and there was information that alcohol would be served at the event. Events like these are held every year throughout the country and historically tend to have illegal street racing, alcohol fueled violence, and shootings.

In an effort to prevent any illegal or violent activities, members of the Ventura Police Department and Ventura Sheriff's Office combined efforts to conduct high profile directed enforcement in the area. During the day, five arrests were made for weapons or drug related charges and three handguns were seized. Also, 16 citations were issued for traffic related violations. The high visibility of patrols prevented any violence or street racing in the area.

The Ventura Sheriff's Office is supportive of any charity events and toy drives that help the underprivileged members of the community; however the combination of alcohol, drugs, and guns with these events is a recipe for disaster.

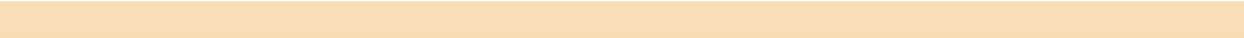
The investigation into the recovered weapons and drugs is ongoing. Anyone with gang information is encouraged to contact the Ventura Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Brian Slominski

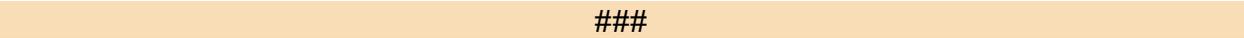
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###

**Camarillo Homicide**

12/26/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Homicide

**Report Number:** 16-191134

**Location:** 2600 Block of Munson Street, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** December 25, 2016 @ 12:27 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Camarillo Police Department  
Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail

<b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>	<b>Age</b>
(V) Bronson Boyett	23
(P) Male Adult	24
(P) Male Adult	31
(P) Male Adult	21
(P) Male Juvenile	15
(P) Male Juvenile	14

**Narrative:**

On December 25, 2016 at approximately 12:27 a.m. deputies from the Camarillo Police Department responded to a '911' emergency call of an assault with a deadly weapon, in the 2600 block of Munson Street, city of Camarillo. Once on scene, deputies learned that Bronson Boyett had been stabbed. Boyett was transported to Los Robles Regional Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

During the investigation, detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Camarillo Police Department, and Special Enforcement Detail, learned there was a physical altercation between

two groups of individuals resulting in Boyett being stabbed.

All parties have been located and at this time and there are no outstanding person(s) of interest.

Anyone who may have heard, seen, or has knowledge of this incident is encouraged to call the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Bureau.

This is an on-going investigation.

**Prepared by:** Detective Sergeant William Therrien

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###

**Police Seek Public's Help With Identifying Thousand Oaks Convenience Store**

**Robbery Suspects**

12/28/2016 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Police Seek Public's Help With Identifying Thousand Oaks Convenience Store Robbery Suspects

**Report Number:** 16-192262

**Location:** 7-Eleven @ 3309 Kimber Drive, Newbury Park

**Date & Time:** December 27, 2016 at 8:15 PM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Major Crimes

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

S1 - Hispanic Male

S2 - Hispanic Male

S3 - Hispanic Male

S4 - Hispanic Male

**City of Residence**

Unknown

Unknown

Unknown

Unknown

**Age**

Unknown

Unknown

Unknown

Unknown

**Narrative:**

On 12-27-16, at about 8:15 PM, officers assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the 7-Eleven on Kimber Drive in Newbury Park for an armed robbery that had just occurred.

During the investigation, officers learned four male suspects entered the location. One suspect approached the victim (lone employee) in the store and pointed a handgun at the victim. The other suspects walked to the back of the service counter where they stole store merchandise and money from the cash register. All suspects fled the location in a black four door sedan.

The suspects are described as Hispanic males between approximately 5'7" and 6' tall. Three of the suspects wore hooded sweatshirts and black pants. One suspect wore a unique style winter hat, red scarf, and black frame glasses.

No persons were injured as a result of the robbery. The suspects are still outstanding. Detectives are requesting the public look closely at the attached surveillance photographs. If anyone has additional information or can possibly identify the suspects they are encouraged to contact Detective Kelly Roark at (805) 947-8261.

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**Media Release Date:** December 28, 2016

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**Approved By:** Captain Ross Bonfiglio

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