

Camarillo - Child Annoying Suspect Arrested

3/1/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Child Annoying Suspect Arrested

Report Number:

18-33022

Location:

Camarillo Heights Elementary School

Date & Time:

February 28, 2018/ 2:30 PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Investigations, Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

Camarillo Police Community Resource Unit, Camarillo Police

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

(S) Denise Dale Camarillo 58

(V) Juvenile

Narrative:

On February 28, 2018, Denise Dale of Camarillo was arrested for Child Annoying after an incident at Camarillo Heights Elementary School.

On February 26, 2018, Camarillo Heights Elementary School staff was advised by a parent that their child had been befriended by an older unknown female while walking home from school. On

one occurrence, the child was given a ride home by the female. The parent had no name or address for the female. Camarillo Police were advised and began looking into the incident.

Deputies were unable to locate the subject or an address for her. Camarillo Heights Elementary School staff was advised and protocols were put into place should the subject be seen in the area.

On February 28, 2018, at approximately 2:30 PM, Denise Dale went into Camarillo Heights Elementary School and stated she was a relative who was supposed to pick up the victim. Based on the protocols set in place, school staff immediately advised Camarillo Police. Within minutes, several deputies arrived on scene and detained Dale at her vehicle parked outside of the school. After a thorough investigation, Dale was arrested for 647.6(a) PC- Child Annoying. There was no physical contact between Dale and the victim. Dale was booked into the Ventura County Jail without incident.

The Pleasant Valley School District and Camarillo Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that although we live in a safe area, please speak to your children about 'Stranger Danger'. Part of this discussion should include that anyone the child does not know is a stranger and they should practice Stranger Danger precautions. Encourage your child,

if possible, to walk in pairs with a buddy to school, and never approach or get into a vehicle when the occupants are unknown. Please call the Camarillo Police Department/ Sheriff's Office (805) 654-9511 if you see any suspicious vehicles or activity.

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Captain Jeremy Paris

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Thousand Oaks - March Traffic Safety Awareness - Bicycle Safety

3/1/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

March Traffic Safety Awareness ' Bicycle Safety

Location:

City of Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

Month of March 2018

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department-Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

Bicycle Safety

The Thousand Oaks Police Department strives to promote traffic safety within the community. In an effort to recognize certain hazards while driving, the Traffic Bureau has started a monthly traffic awareness reminder program, addressing a traffic topic each month. While we focus on a specific topic each month, it's always imperative to constantly strive to follow all rules of the road. The month of March is dedicated to 'Bicycle Safety'.

Each year, hundreds of bicyclists in California are involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. Most of the time, the bicyclist is the one who will receive the most injuries. With that in mind, we all need to know the importance of sharing the road with one another. Motorists and bicyclists both need to do their part in keeping each other safe.

Here are some important facts you should know:

1. California vehicle code section 21202(a) states: Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at the same time shall ride as close as practicable to the right ' hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2. A bicycle ridden at night must be equipped with a lamp emitting a white light. There must also be a red reflector on the rear of the bicycle that must be visible from 500 feet when directly in front of a motor vehicle whose headlights are on.

3. regardless of age, wear a helmet at all times to reduce injuries.

4. No person shall drive a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane established on a roadway except to park where parking is permitted, to enter or leave the roadway, or to prepare for a turn within a distance of 200 feet from the intersection.

5. when passing, making a legal left turn, riding on a one-way street, riding on a road that is too narrow, or when the right side of the road is closed due to road construction CVC

21650.

Bicyclists must travel on the right side of the roadway in the direction of traffic, except

6. Handlebars must not be higher than the rider's shoulders CVC 21201(b).

7.

direction on a highway at a distance of less than

motor vehicle and any part of the bicycle or its operator. CVC 21760(c).

A driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake or pass a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a highway at a distance of less than three feet between any part of the

8. Bicyclists obey the rules of the road because they travel along the roadway with other motorists. It is important to note drivers and bicyclists must share the road. When making turning movements in a car or on a bike, use caution, be seen (appropriate lighting after dark) and be predictable.

The Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau urges citizens to drive their cars and ride their bicycles responsibly. Wear equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others, like a bike helmet, bright clothing (during the day), reflective gear, and a white front light and red rear light and reflectors on your bike (at night, or when visibility is poor). Plan your route if driving as a vehicle on the road; choose routes with less traffic and slower speeds. Your safest route may be away from traffic altogether, in a bike lane or on a bike path.

For more information on bicycle safety please visit:

<https://www.safekids.org/bike>

http://www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/Pedestrian_and_Bicycle_Safety.asp

http://www.calbike.org/bicycling_in_california_sharing_the_road

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Capt. Don AguilarRiders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times. We suggest all riders

Ojai - Suspect Arrested for Lewd Acts on a Child on Ojai Valley Trolley

3/2/2018 1:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Suspect arrested for lewd acts on a child on the Ojai Valley Trolley.
Report Number:		RB# 18-31957
Location:		Ojai City Trolley, Ojai, CA
Date & Time:		On 02/26/18 4:30-5:00 PM
Unit(s) Responsible:		Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(A) Novian, Charles	Ojai	54
(V) Male Juvenile	Ojai	15
Narrative:		
<p>On 2/26/18, the Ojai Police Department began an investigation of Lewd Acts on a Child. The crime occurred on the Ojai Trolley when the suspect inappropriately touched a 15 year old male juvenile. The investigation revealed the suspect was Charles Novain and he was subsequently arrested on 02/27/18 for PC 288(c)(1)-Lewd Acts on a Child.</p> <p>Novian is known to frequent the Ojai area including, city parks, bus stops, public buses, and the Ojai Trolley. If you have any information about Novian, please contact Detective Preciado with the Ojai Police Department.</p> <p>Please take a moment and speak to your children about "stranger danger" and remind them to never be afraid to report inappropriate behavior, the brave actions of this victim likely saved many more victims.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
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Camarillo - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results

3/5/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint Results

Report Number:

Location:

City of Camarillo

Date & Time:

3/2/18 from 8:00p.m. ' 2:00a.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

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

(S) Banks, Casey Camarillo 23

(S) Jimenez, Lorenzo Camarillo 29

Narrative:

DUI Checkpoint Nets [2] Arrests

Camarillo, CA ' Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on 3/2/18 on Arneill Road between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 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.

In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Camarillo PD supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that 'DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze.' If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Studies of California drivers have shown 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.

921 Vehicles Screened

1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested

0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested

1 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

7 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

3 Citations issued

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.

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

Camarillo PD will be conducting another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, 4/27/18 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:

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3/5/18

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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

Lockwood Valley - Off-Highway Vehicle Grant

3/5/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant

Location:

Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station

Date & Time:

March 5, 2018

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 2018 State Parks grant budget is anticipated to be

about \$5,200,000 designated for distribution to law enforcement agencies within the state. The amount awarded is

calculated by the number of law enforcement agencies that apply for the grant and the amount requested.

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

from March 6, 2018 through April 2, 2018.

www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. Comments can be made

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March 5, 2018

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Captain James Fryhoff

Camarillo - Credit Card Skimmers / Crime Prevention

3/6/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Credit Card Skimmers/Crime Prevention

Location:

Camarillo, CA

Date & Time:

March 6, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Community Resource Unit

Narrative:

Credit card skimmer fraud is back! Be on alert! As our crime prevention officers like to say, 'Arm yourself with knowledge!'

Last year, Camarillo Police arrested four suspects responsible for placing credit card skimmers in

gas station pumps. This crew worked in conjunction with a larger crime ring that was responsible

for over \$90,000 in credit card fraud using the information from the skimmers. This arrest stopped hundreds of more crimes from happening.

Unfortunately, crime rings exist all over the country and even the world. Therefore, it is up to us to, 'Arm ourselves with knowledge' so we can be prepared at any time for any type of crime. The great news is 'this is an easy learning lesson. So, what should you do'

1. Be Alert. When you gas up make sure the panel is closed and doesn't show signs of tampering. Many stations now put security seals over the cabinet panel. If the panel has been opened, the label will read 'void', which means the machine has been tampered with. (Photo credit: National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) and Conexus)
2. If you see something wrong, SAY SOMETHING. At the very least notify the gas station manager, or call the police department and we will have an officer come out and check the pump for you.
3. If you use a debit card at the pump, run it as credit instead of entering a PIN. If that is not an option, cover your hand when entering your PIN. Scammers often use pinhole cameras located above the key pad to record your numbers.
4. MONITOR your credit card and bank accounts regularly. In this day and age of online banking, this should be a daily task.
5. If you are really concerned about skimmers, pay inside the store.

The Camarillo Police Department would like the community to know that we have an anti 'skimmer' program in place and regularly check credit card devices throughout the city. If you notice something strange about a device you are using, contact Police Dispatch immediately at

805-654-9511.

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Captain J. Paris

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Fillmore - Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

3/6/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep

Report Number:

N/A

Location:

City and County Areas of Fillmore

Date & Time:

Saturday, March 3, 2018. 8:00 AM ' 2:00 PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Fillmore PD Investigations Unit

Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

Narrative:

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of twenty-nine (29) registered sex offenders throughout the Fillmore area. The compliance checks were funded through the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.

Twenty-seven (27) of the sex registrants were confirmed to be in compliance with their registration requirements. Two (2) 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 prosecution of sex registrants who fail to comply with their registration requirements.

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) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.

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Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit

Sergeant Ryan Clark

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Captain Jeff Miller

Fillmore Welcomes New Chief of Police

3/6/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Fillmore Welcomes New Chief of Police

Date & Time:

March 6, 2018

Narrative:

After an extensive vetting process to select the next chief of police for the city of Fillmore, Captain

Eric Tennesen has been named the city's chief this week as Captain Dave Wareham retires after 32 years of service with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

Tennesen, who is a 19-year veteran of the sheriff's office, has an extensive background in investigations, which includes assignments in Camarillo, Moorpark, the Sheriff's Gang Unit, the Special Crimes Unit, and the Major Crimes Bureau. Tennesen most recently managed patrol operations for the East County / Thousand Oaks station.

Tennesen lives in Camarillo with his wife, Kaylee, and four children. He brings a diverse background to his new position, including a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the South

Dakota School of Mines and Technology as well as a master's degree in public administration from Cal State Northridge.

The public is invited to get to know Tennesen during four 'meet the chief' events scheduled in the coming weeks at the following locations:

Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Starbucks 650 W. Ventura St.

Thursday March 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at One Step a la Vez 421 Sespe Ave.

Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Active Adult Center 533 Santa Clara St.

Thursday March 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Starbucks 650 W. Ventura St.

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Mar. 6, 2018

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Thousand Oaks - Investigators Execute Search Warrant at Celebrity's Home

3/6/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Investigators Execute Search Warrant at Celebrity's Home

Report Number:

18-31286

Location:

4000 block of Summit View Drive Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Date & Time:

March 6, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau

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

(S) Locklear, Heather Thousand Oaks 56

Narrative:

Detectives executed a search warrant Tuesday at the home of actress Heather Locklear in response to specific threats made to Ventura County Sheriff's deputies during her recent arrest. Locklear was arrested at her home on February 25, 2018 for felony domestic battery and three counts of battery on a peace officer. During her arrest, Locklear told deputies she would shoot them if they ever came to her house again.

Investigators learned that Locklear has a firearm registered in her name. The purpose of the search was to seize the firearm, which detectives did not locate at the residence scheduled to appear in Ventura Superior Court on March 13, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

. Locklear is

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Countywide - Fugitive Wanted in Sexual Assault Case

3/7/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		Fugitive Wanted in Sexual Assault Case
Report Number:		16-62229
Location:		Moorpark, CA.
Date & Time:		January 1, 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:		East County Sexual Assault Unit
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Vaca, Jose	Moorpark	34
Narrative:		
<p>In April of 2016, a 13-year-old Moorpark resident reported being the victim of continuous sexual abuse by a known suspect. Detectives followed up on the case and obtained evidence linking Jose Vaca, a Moorpark resident, to the crimes. During the course of the investigation, Vaca is believed to have fled to Mexico.</p> <p>On June 3, 2016, a detective presented the facts of the case to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office with a declaration for an arrest warrant. The warrant declaration was signed by a judge on June 3, 2016 for section 288.5(a) of the California Penal Code ' continuous sexual abuse of a minor.</p> <p>Eighteen months later, on January 1, 2018, Jose Vaca was found in Ventura County and arrested for the outstanding \$100,000 warrant. He was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura at 7:18 p.m. Vaca posted a bond and was released from jail on January 2, 2018 at 8:21 p.m. Prior to his release, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) sent an immigration hold for Vaca.</p> <p>Sheriff's deputies did not notify ICE of Vaca's pending release, because the new law under Senate Bill 54 would not allow the notification under the circumstances. Although Vaca was arrested for a qualifying serious or violent offense, SB 54 requires that the arrestee has been arrested, booked and appeared before a judge prior to ICE being notified. In Vaca's case, he posted bail before he had appeared in court.</p> <p>When he was released from jail, Vaca was ordered to appear in court on January 19, 2018.</p>		
<p>However, he did not appear in court as required by law. A bench warrant was issued for Vaca's arrest for \$250,000. The victim has been notified of the circumstances in this case. She is safely living out of state with family, and there is no threat to her or her family at this time.</p> <p>Vaca has not been located, and investigators believe he fled to Mexico. Detectives are actively trying to locate Vaca.</p> <p>Due to a federal court ruling in 2014, jails in western states are prohibited from holding inmates beyond their scheduled release dates for ICE without a federal warrant. An ICE detainer or "hold" is not a federal warrant.</p> <p>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).</p>		

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Camarillo - Volunteers of the Year Honored

3/9/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Camarillo Volunteers of the Year Honored

Report Number:

Location:

Camarillo Police Department

Date & Time:

03/08/2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit

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

Narrative:

During recent special ceremonies, Camarillo Volunteers Pat McInerney, Mitch Kreeger and Thomas 'TJ' Eskridge were recognized and honored as their respective program's Member of the Year for 2017.

Pat McInerney joined the Camarillo Citizen Patrol in 2015. During that time Pat has volunteered over 2,000 hours during his career, including 900 in 2017 alone. Pat was born in the Bronx, and had a long career as a packing and shipping supply salesman, and began his law enforcement service as a volunteer at the Santa Paula Police Department, before moving to Camarillo. The Camarillo Citizen Patrol has evolved to become a city-sponsored volunteer program that includes patrol vehicles, uniforms, and equipment for members. Citizen Patrol units perform security house checks of city residents away on vacation, extra patrol of target areas, traffic control, special events and disasters. They may also be called upon to assist the Crime Prevention unit with other crime prevention programs and community services, such as Kid Print, McGruff and preventative talks.

The Camarillo Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) awarded Mitch Kreeger their member of the Year for 2017. Mitch was recently elected as the DART Assistant Captain and has dedicated over 700 hours to the program. Mitch is self-employed at Kreeger Consulting Commercial and is a married father of one. The Disaster Assistance Response Team (D.A.R.T.) program is supervised by Camarillo Police personnel, who coordinate their training and exercises. Approximately 30 volunteers are participating in the program. D.A.R.T. members receive training in areas such as Communications, First Aid/CPR, Medical Emergencies, Cribbing and Shoring of Collapsed Structures and Traffic Crowd Control. Pat and Mitch were nominate by their fellow peers in their respective groups and were selected by the Community Resource unit. They were both honored at a ceremony on Tuesday, February 27

volunteers and Camarillo Police Department's Captain Jeremy Paris presented both men their awards.

Camarillo Police Captain Jeremy Paris also presented Thomas 'TJ Eskridge the Explorer of the Year award for the Camarillo Post, at a special ceremony held on Thursday, February 15 recently turned 17 years old, has been an Explorer since 2016 and has volunteered over 700 hours. TJ recently graduated the Ventura County Law Enforcement Academy, where he was awarded the prestigious D.R.O.P. award and was promoted to Senior Explorer in December. TJ is a junior at Camarillo High School and is a utility player and catcher player on the junior varsity baseball team. The purpose of the Camarillo Police Explorers is to provide young adults who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences. Explorers are a community based, youth law enforcement organization aimed at exposing mature, motivated youth between the ages of 14 (and completed the 8 opportunities.

th hosted by the Pleasant Valley Lions Club. The Lions provided a meal for all theth. TJth grade) and 20, to various law enforcement career

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Captain Jeremy Paris

Ojai - Coffee With the Chief

3/9/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Coffee With the Chief

Location:

Beacon Coffee 211 West Ojai Ave. Ojai, Ca.

Date & Time:

March 13, 2018, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ojai Police Department

Narrative:

An important part of any community is positive and collaborative interaction with the police department. As your police chief, it is my goal to be available for your questions, concerns, or just to say hi to make sure we are providing excellent law enforcement services in our community.

Law enforcement needs the community's help to fight crime, and in order to do that, I need to hear from you. Talking over a cup of coffee is a great way to connect.

Please join me next Tuesday afternoon for a cup at Beacon Coffee here in Ojai.

Prepared by:

Captain James Fryhoff

News Release Date:

March 9, 2018

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Approved by:

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Captain James Fryhoff

Thousand Oaks - Burglary Suspects Arrested With Victim's Property

3/9/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Burglary Suspects Arrested in Possession of Victims Property

Report Number:

18-20926

Location:

900 block of Calle Brusca, Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

March 8, 2018 at 0800 hours

Unit Responsible:

/ Special Enforcement Unit

Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / ECPS Investigations Bureau

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

(S) Taylor Basler Thousand Oaks 27

(S) Susan Cartwright Thousand Oaks 35

(S) Rene Gutierrez Thousand Oaks 30

(V) Adult Male Beverly Hills 26

Narrative:

On February 7, 2018, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a report of a storage unit burglary in the 100 block of Duesenberg Dr, Thousand Oaks. During the initial investigation, patrol deputies viewed surveillance footage that captured the crime. The surveillance footage showed one male and two females break into a storage unit and remove property. Deputies were able to identify one of the females as Susan Cartwright.

The surveillance video was turned over to the Ventura County Sheriff's Crime Analysis Unit and they identified the male subject as Taylor Basler and the second female as Rene Gutierrez. Investigators located Basler's residence in the 900 block of Calle Brusca, Thousand Oaks, and obtained a search warrant for his home.

On March 8, 2018, at approximately 0730 hours, investigators served the search warrant at Basler's home. Both Basler and Cartwright were inside the home and arrested for commercial burglary. During a search of the home, investigators recovered several items that were taken during the burglary. Taylor Basler and Susan Cartwright were booked into the Ventura County Jail without incident.

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in locating Rene Gutierrez. Anyone with information regarding her whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Adam Garnier or call Ventura County Crime Stoppers.

Prepared by:

Sergeant Robert Davidson

Media Release Date:

March 9, 2018

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Approved by:

Captain Bill Schierman

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El Rio - Suspects Arrested for Home Invasion Robbery

3/12/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		Robbery Investigation / Arrest
Report Number:		RB# 18-17016
Location:		400 block of Simon Way, Oxnard, CA
Date & Time:		01/25/18 @ 04:00 A.M.
Unit(s) Responsible:		Sheriff's Gang Unit
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Alex Flores	Thousand Oaks	34
(S) Vanessa Leanos	Thousand Oaks	25
Narrative:		
<p>(S) Alex Flores, a known El Rio gang member, and (S) Vanessa Leanos were arrested for their involvement in an early morning robbery that occurred at a known residence in the community of El Rio.</p> <p>Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit learned on January 25, 2018, around 0400 hours, Flores and Leanos went to the victim's home in El Rio. Flores and Leanos unlawfully entered the residence through a window and confronted the victim. Flores took the victim's cellular phone and additional items of value prior to leaving the residence. During the incident, Flores struck the victim in the face multiple times.</p> <p>A search warrant was authored and executed at Flores' residence, which led to the recovery of the victim's property. Also located during the search warrant were 13.34 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Flores was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for Penal Code Section 211 ' first degree residential robbery, Penal Code Section 182(a) ' conspiracy to commit a crime, Health and Safety Code 11379 ' possession for sale of a controlled substance, and Health and Safety Code 11364(a) ' possession of drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Leanos was later located and arrested for Penal Code Section 211 ' first degree residential robbery and Penal Code Section 182(a) ' conspiracy to commit a crime.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Start Smart Driving Program Offered to Young Adult Drivers

3/12/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Police Department Offers "Start Smart" Driving Program for Young Adult Drivers
Location:	Thousand Oaks Police Station East County Community Room 2101 E. Olsen Rd.
Date & Time:	April 12th, 2018, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers on April 12th at the Thousand Oaks Police Station Community Room. The "Start Smart" Driving Program 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.

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.

To make a reservation, interested parents are asked to call the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau at (805) 494-8271. Space is limited to 25-30 students and their parents. There is no charge to attend the program.

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Camarillo - Plan a Designated Driver for St. Patrick's Day

3/13/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		Plan a Designated Driver for St. Patrick's Day	
Report Number:			
Location:		Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark & Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:		March 13, 2018	
Unit(s) Responsible:		Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age	
Narrative:			
<p>This St. Paddy's Day, Don't Rely on the Luck o' the Irish:</p> <p>Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving</p> <p>Ventura County, CA ' St. Patrick's Day is one of the most popular holidays in the United States. With a plethora of Irish immigrants'and many, many more St. Paddy's Day well-wishers, the holiday is heavily celebrated by most Americans with friendly pinches, bangers n' mash, and green beer galore. Sadly, all this merry-making can lead to dangerous driving conditions as party-goers head home.</p> <p>In 2016 alone, 60 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Paddy's Day holiday period (6 p.m. March 16 to 5:59 a.m. March 18) nationwide. The selfish act of drinking and driving can rip people from their friends and loved ones forever. For this reason, Ventura County Sheriff's Office is working to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many. If you're heading out for the Irish festivities, plan ahead and remember:</p> <p>Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks Police Departments, which contract police services with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, will deploy additional officers on special DUI Saturation Patrols specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment during the hours of 8:00 PM and 3:00 AM.</p> <p>Police, Sheriff and the CHP will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. 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.</p> <p><i>Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.</i></p>			

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Ventura County Sheriff's Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana use can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Remember: It's not just about you. There are other people on the roads who want to get where they are going safely. Don't let alcohol and or drug impairment cause you to be a risk to yourself and others on the road. Impaired driving is an act of selfishness. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself:

Ventura County Sheriff's Office recommends the following safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

' First: Always remember to plan ahead. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver' Take that role seriously'your friends are relying on you.

' There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The OTS DDVIP app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. The app offers enhanced features, allowing users to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Additionally, the app users can easily order asober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb.

' Use your community's sober ride program.

' Have a friend who is about to drink and drive' Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

' Always remember to report drunk drivers -call 911.

This enforcement effort is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,

The Next DUI campaign is set for Cinco de Mayo.

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Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. If you feel a buzz, you are in no shape to drive."

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Countywide - Sheriff's Recruitment Team to be at LA Marathon Fitness Expo

3/14/2018 12:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Sheriff's Recruitment Team will be at the L.A. Marathon Fitness Expo
Location:	Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall G & H Booth #827, 1201 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Date & Time:	March 16-17, 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:	Support Services / Human Resources
Narrative:	<p>The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Recruitment Team will attend the 2018 Los Angeles Marathon Fitness Expo to showcase employment opportunities and careers being offered. On March 5, 2018, the Sheriff's Office began accepting applications for Deputy Sheriff Trainee. For those who apply we will be hosting two test dates, one in May and another in June. As a Ventura County Deputy Sheriff you can enjoy a variety of assignments that include patrol, detectives, S.W.A.T., narcotics, gang enforcement, traffic, and the Sheriff's Air Unit to name just a few. Salary and benefits for deputy sheriff can be as much as \$112,098 annually! In addition to deputy sheriff, we are also hiring regularly for public safety dispatchers, sheriff's service technicians, forensic scientists, and records technicians.</p> <p>The County of Ventura is a beautiful place to live, work, and raise a family with some of the safest communities in the country. Ventura County enjoys having the benefit of both the coastal beaches of the Pacific Ocean and the rugged mountains of the Las Padres National Forest. These two elements offer a wide array of recreational activities right at your doorstep.</p> <p>If you have an interest in a career in law enforcement, please stop by our booth #827 at the L.A. Fitness Expo and speak with a recruiter. You can also visit our website www.applyventurasheriff.org and follow us on social media to learn more.</p>
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Thousand Oaks - Gang Member Arrested for Street Terrorism

3/14/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Gang Member Arrest	
Report Number:	18-23521	
Location:	6000 block of Condor Drive, Moorpark	
Date & Time:	03/13/2018 1430 hours	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Directed Enforcement Unit, Thousand Oaks Patrol Services	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Marcelo Roque	Thousand Oaks	30
Narrative:		
<p>On February 11, 2018, Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol Deputies responded to a call for service regarding an incident that occurred in the 800 block of Warwick Avenue. During the initial investigation, patrol deputies determined an unknown male suspect challenged two victims about their gang affiliations and threatened to have other gang members assault the victims. The victims were in sustained fear that the suspect would carry out his threats.</p> <p>Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit assumed the investigation and were able to identify the suspect as Marcelo Roque, who was a known and documented gang member residing in the City of Thousand Oaks. Detectives determined Roque was on active parole with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for California Penal Codes 245(a)(1) ' Assault With a Deadly Weapon, By Means Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury and 186.22(b)(1) ' Special Allegation of Street Terrorism.</p> <p>During the course of their investigation, detectives were able to establish probable cause to arrest Roque for Penal Code 422 ' Criminal Threats and 186.22(b)(1)(B) ' Special Allegation of Street Terrorism.</p> <p>On March 13, 2018, detectives with the Special Enforcement Unit and deputies with the Directed Enforcement Unit located and arrested Roque in the 6000 block of Condor Drive in the City of Moorpark. Roque was booked into the East Valley Jail for the listed charges and a parole hold.</p>		
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Approved by:	Captain Bill Schierman	

Thousand Oaks - Graffiti at Westlake High School Prompts Investigation

3/14/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Graffiti at Westlake High School Prompts Law Enforcement Investigation

Location:

100 North Lakeview Cyn. Rd.

Westlake High School

Date & Time:

3/14/18 12:05 p.m.

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department ' Intelligence Led Policing Unit

Narrative:

On March 14, 2018, graffiti discovered in a restroom at Westlake High School prompted officials to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department to investigate. The graffiti was determined not to be a credible threat.

Thousand Oaks Police school resource officers and detectives responded to the school and conducted a preliminary investigation. The graffiti was similar to an incident that occurred on February 21, 2018. The investigation is continuing.

The police department continues to work closely with the school officials to ensure any perceived threat against a school is investigated thoroughly. We encourage members of the community to contact law enforcement anytime they observe suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

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Captain Don Aguilar

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Camarillo - Arrest of Residential Burglary / Robbery Suspect

3/15/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Arrest of Residential Burglary / Robbery Suspect	
Report Number:	18-40538	
Location:	Area of Valley Vista Drive & Alviso Drive, Camarillo	
Date & Time:	03/13/18, 1750 hours	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Camarillo Patrol / Camarillo Investigations	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Roy Tyron Duncan	Calabasas	28
Narrative:		
<p>On 03/13/18, Camarillo patrol deputies arrested the above suspect for Residential Burglary, Robbery, Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle, and Elder Abuse.</p> <p>On 03/13/18, a victim was working in his home office when he heard his alarm system alert to an open door near the rear of the residence. The victim walked to the rear of the residence and discovered an unknown male subject (later identified as (S) Roy Tyron Duncan) inside his residence. S-Duncan grabbed property belonging to the victim and fled from the home.</p> <p>A short time later, in the same area, a second victim came home to find an unknown SUV parked in his driveway. He also saw that his garage door was open. The victim parked his vehicle behind the SUV blocking it in. The victim saw S-Duncan standing in his garage, holding property. The victim confronted Duncan and a struggle ensued in which Duncan pushed the victim to the ground and took the victim's car keys out his (victim's) pants pocket. Duncan drove the victim's car down the driveway and onto the street before returning to his SUV and fleeing the area. The victim suffered minor injuries during the assault.</p> <p>Responding deputies were able to get a vehicle description and conduct a high-risk stop on the vehicle driven by Duncan. Inside of the vehicle was property belonging to both victims. Deputies were able to positively identify Duncan as the suspect from both residences.</p> <p>Duncan was arrested and booked in the Ventura County Main Jail for violations of 211 PC / Robbery, 459 PC, Residential Burglary, 368 PC / Elder Abuse, & 10851 VC / Unlawful taking of a vehicle, his bail \$260,000.</p>		
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Approved by:	Captain Jeremy Paris	

Camarillo - Suspect Arrested for Assault and Criminal Threats

3/15/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Suspect Arrested for Assault and Criminal Threats

Report Number:

18-40080

Location:

2900 Block Petit Street, Camarillo

Date & Time:

03/12/18 at approximately 2030 hours

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Police Department

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

(A-1) Justin Haggard Transient 40

(V) Female Ventura County 21

Charges:

245(a) PC- Assault W/ Deadly Weapon,

Narrative:

Camarillo Patrol Deputies arrested Justin Haggard for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Criminal Threats towards a local hotel employee.

On 3-12-18, Haggard entered the lobby of a hotel in the 2900 block of Petit Street in the City of Camarillo. He asked the receptionist for a cup of coffee and when the receptionist told Haggard she did not have any, he became agitated. Haggard picked up an object from the hotel's counter and threw it at the receptionist's face. The item struck the receptionist, causing minor injury. As he fled the location, Haggard threatened to return and harm the receptionist. The incident was captured on video surveillance.

Camarillo Detectives and Patrol Deputies were able to identify Haggard from prior contacts with him. Patrol deputies located and arrested Haggard on 3-14-18. He was booked into jail without incident.

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Captain Jeremy Paris

Camarillo - Threat Reported Against Phoenix School

3/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Threat Reported Against Phoenix School

Report Number:

18-41446

Location:

Phoenix School, 500 Airport Way, Camarillo

Date & Time:

March 15, 2018 @ 9:20 AM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Patrol, Camarillo Investigations

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

Narrative:

On March 15, 2018, at approximately 9:20 AM, the staff of Phoenix School contacted the Camarillo Police Department about a threat to the school.

Staff at Phoenix School, located at the Camarillo Airport, received information about a possible threat to the school. Phoenix School followed their protocols and immediately notified law enforcement. Camarillo Patrol deputies and investigators responded to the school. As a precaution, Phoenix School, ACE Charter School, and Frontier High School were placed in a lockdown for a period of time.

After a thorough investigation by Camarillo Detectives, it was determined no threat had been made and no crime had occurred. No arrests or citations were made in relation to this incident. . No students or staff members were injured during this incident..

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Camarillo Police Department take all threats of violence against school campuses seriously and will investigate them fully.

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March 15, 2018

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Captain Jeremy Paris

Fillmore - Attempted Murder

3/16/2018 9:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Attempted Murder	
Report Number:	18-41282	
Location:	900 block of 4 th Street, Fillmore, CA	
Date & Time:	March 14, 2018 @ approximately 10:00 p.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Fillmore Police Department Sheriff's Gang Unit Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(V) Male	Fillmore	29
Narrative:		
<p>On March 14, 2018, at approximately 10:00 p.m., deputies from the Fillmore Police Department responded to the 900 block of 4</p> <p>Detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit, Sheriff's Gang Unit and Fillmore Police Station responded to the scene to investigate the crime. In a coordinated effort, numerous interviews were conducted and no arrests have been made at this time. This is an ongoing investigation and the Sheriff's Office is requesting that anyone with information about this crime contact detectives at the numbers listed below.</p> <p>th Street in Fillmore for the report of a possible gunshot victim. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a male victim who had been shot multiple times. Deputies provided first aid measures until medical personnel arrived on scene. The victim was subsequently transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.</p>		
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Captain Jeff Miller

Ojai - Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Assault With a Deadly Weapon and Felony Vandalism

3/16/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Conspiracy to commit robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism
Report Number:		18-41828
Location:		Ojai Chevron (360 E. Ojai Ave.)
Date & Time:		3/15/2018 @ 1900 hours
Unit(s) Responsible:		West County Patrol Services ' Ojai Police Department
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(s) Male Juvenile	Ojai	17
(s) Male Juvenile	Ojai	16
(s) Male Juvenile	Ojai	15
Narrative:		
<p>Three male juveniles conspired to commit a robbery from the Ojai Chevron. As a result, three victims were assaulted and multiple vehicle windows were smashed by the suspects during the commission of the crime.</p> <p>On 3/15/18 at approximately 1900 hours, three male juveniles entered the Ojai Chevron located at 360 E. Ojai Ave. They had conspired together to commit a theft from Chevron prior to entering the business. Once inside they began stealing items. The clerk observed the theft and tried to stop the suspects from leaving. The suspects assaulted the clerk with a skateboard causing minor injury. A female patron tried to stop the assault and was also struck with a skateboard.</p> <p>Sheriff's deputies arrived at the Chevron and arrested the 15 and 16 year old suspects. One of the suspects resisted arrest and a minor struggle ensued. The 17 year old suspect was able to flee the scene prior to the deputies' arrival.</p> <p>Shortly after, Sheriff's deputies began receiving multiple calls of vandalism. They determined the 17 year old suspect who fled the scene had used his skateboard to break the windows of multiple vehicles in the area. A concerned citizen who witnessed the vandalism followed the suspect and directed deputies to his location. He was arrested and taken into custody without incident.</p> <p>All three juvenile suspects were under the influence of alcohol and other controlled substances. The 17 year old suspect was transported via ambulance to Ojai Hospital due to his violent,</p>		
<p>belligerent and unpredictable behavior. The other two suspects were also taken to Ojai Hospital for medical clearances. All three were booked at the Juvenile Justice Center for charges of conspiracy to commit a crime, robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon. The 17 year old suspect was also charged with felony vandalism.</p> <p>Detectives from the Ojai substation are still gathering information. If you witnessed any of the incident or are a victim, please call Detective Preciado at 805-477-7042.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Heroin Delivery Service Dismantled

3/16/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Heroin Delivery Service Dismantled	
Report Number:	18-2056	
Location:	Ventura County and Los Angeles County	
Date & Time:	January 3, 2018 ' March 7, 2018	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department Directed Enforcement Unit Ventura County Narcotics Task Force California National Guard ' Counterdrug Task Force	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
CUSTOMERS	Ventura	35
(USE OR POSSESSION)	Thousand Oaks	28
(S) Bridgette Balme	Thousand Oaks	26
(S) Kasey Bennison	Thousand Oaks	26
(S) David Brewer	Camarillo	34
(S) Steven Bui	Las Vegas	43
(S) Laurie Deluna	Moorpark	20
(S) Mauricio Donoso	Moorpark	33
(S) Joseph Fauci	Moorpark	32
(S) Gina Fetman	Simi Valley	33
(S) Kyle Fuentes	Camarillo	28
(S) Jason Hayes	Simi Valley	35
(S) Carlos Magallon	Simi Valley	38
(S) Jose Melgoza	Thousand Oaks	39
(S) Michael Menther	Thousand Oaks	30
(S) Carlos Palacios	Thousand Oaks	24
(S) Sean Patterson	Thousand Oaks	20
(S) Nicole Penwarden	Thousand Oaks	27
(S) Tabitha Rollins	Thousand Oaks	25
(S) Emma Winkenbach	Thousand Oaks	35
(S) Sam Winkenbach	Simi Valley	42
(S) Christopher Winter	Moorpark	32
(S) Arenda Winiacki		
(S) Omar Yosef		

RESELLERS	Thousand Oaks	32
(STREET LEVEL DEALERS)	Thousand Oaks	34
(S) Patrick Kahler	Simi Valley	51
(S) Christopher Pederson	Thousand Oaks	33
(S) Valerie Whistler	Los Angeles	45
(S) Alexander Wisotsky	Los Angeles	34
HEROIN DELIVERY SERVICE MEMBERS	Los Angeles	21
	Los Angeles	27
(S) Jose Zepeda (Operator and Dispatcher)		
(S) Ruben Correa (Delivery Driver)		
(S) Eduardo Garcia (Delivery Driver)		
(S) Miguel Garcia (Delivery Driver)		

Narrative:

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On March 8, 2018, Deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Station Directed Enforcement Unit along with Detectives from the Ventura County Narcotic's Task Force concluded a two-month investigation into a Los Angeles based heroin delivery service. As a result of the investigation, heroin delivery service customers (22), street level dealers (4), and heroin delivery service members (4), were arrested. Heroin, cash and guns were also seized. It is believed a majority of the heroin being supplied to Thousand Oaks and Moorpark was from this delivery service. Photos are available for viewing at: <https://goo.gl/xbCr8e>

Background:

One of the most prolific narcotics related threats to the residents of Ventura County is the heroin delivery service. Since February 1, 2012, there have been at least 149 opioid overdoses in the city of Thousand Oaks. In that same time period there have been at least 1,819 opioid overdoses in Ventura County. The vast majority of those overdoses have been non-fatal events. These overdoses have been from both heroin and prescription opioids. (Source: Ventura County EMS Agency).

The drug trafficking organizations that sell heroin are structured to sell their drugs to as many customers possible, often times providing door-to-door service. The heroin delivery service is typically made up of several components: (1) a cell head, who is the highest ranking member of the Drug Trafficking Organization within the United States, and who will typically recruit and vet workers and arrange for deliveries of drugs and drug proceeds between Mexico and the United States; (2) dispatchers, who are responsible for coordinating customers' incoming orders and dispatching drivers to deliver drugs to them; (3) stash house operators, who store and repackage drugs; (4) couriers, who are responsible for receiving incoming narcotics shipments and delivering proceeds to suppliers; (5) delivery drivers, who deliver narcotics to local customers; and, (6) the customer who either uses or resells a portion of their drugs to support their habit. Depending on the size and scope of the delivery service some of these roles may overlap or be further compartmentalized.

At the end of 2017, the Ventura County Narcotic's Task Force, in partnership with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), arrested members of the "Manny's" heroin delivery service. Detectives from Ventura County anticipated newer and smaller services would quickly form and replace the void left from the conclusion of that investigation.

Investigation:

In January 2018, deputies from the Directed Enforcement Unit from the Thousand Oaks Police Department learned of a delivery service operating under the name of "Art's" or "Flaco's." The delivery service was purportedly delivering heroin multiple times a day to customers in the Ventura County cities of Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Simi Valley.

An investigation was immediately started which revealed Jose Zepeda, from Los Angeles, was the head of the delivery service. He also acted as full time dispatcher and part time delivery driver. Zepeda employed three delivery drivers, Ruben Correa, Eduardo Garcia, and Miguel Garcia. During the months of January, February, and the beginning of March 2018, while detectives were building the case, all three drivers were found to be delivering drugs to Ventura County. Law enforcement was able to observe some of the drug transactions and arrest Ventura County customers (See names of those arrested above under "Customers" and "Resellers"). Many of those arrested were using the drugs to feed their own addiction; some were reselling to support their habits. Several customers were stopped and arrested immediately after buying drugs from the delivery service. In other cases, search warrants were served at the customers' homes where other narcotics and firearms were discovered.

In one investigation, Alexander Wisotsky was arrested on February 26, 2018, at his home in the 500 block of West Gainsborough Road, in Thousand Oaks, with heroin possessed for sale, cash from drug sales, and 10 firearms. Additionally, Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department arrested Eduardo Garcia on January 12, 2018, in the city of Simi Valley after they witnessed him dealing heroin. Garcia possessed multiple baggies of suspected heroin, enough for about 750 individual doses. After that arrest, Ruben Correa and Miguel Garcia handled most of the drug deliveries.

On March 8, 2018, search warrants were served at Zepeda, Correa, and Miguel Garcia's residences. Zepeda was arrested at his home in the 11500 block of Poema Place, Los Angeles. Over \$75,000 in suspected drug proceeds were found in his residence. Correa was arrested at his residence in the 7600 block of Owensmouth Ave, Los Angeles. About 6 ounces of heroin, or 1500 doses, were found at his house. Miguel Garcia was arrested at his home, in the 17100 block of Roscoe Boulevard, Los Angeles. A similar amount of heroin was found there.

All individuals arrested have pending court dates and are facing varying sentences based on their level of involvement in the investigation.

Detectives from the Ventura County Narcotics Task Force will continue to aggressively target, disrupt, and dismantle heroin delivery services that operate within Ventura County or supply residents of Ventura County.

Statistics of Investigation:

- ' Arrests: 30
- ' Drugs Seized: Approximately one pound of heroin
- ' Assets Seized: Approximately \$80,000 and 3 vehicles
- ' Guns seized: 10

The Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit consists of a Sergeant, two Senior Deputies and three Deputies. The Directed Enforcement Unit is tasked with aggressively identifying and arresting individuals involved in criminal activity in the City of Thousand Oaks.

Other units and officers throughout the Ventura County Sheriff's Office also assisted in this investigation including the Classification Unit at both the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and Todd Road Jail, as well as the Moorpark Patrol station.

The California National Guard ' Counterdrug Task Force provided substantial assistance in this case through investigative support and logistics.

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Thousand Oaks - Victim and Suspect in Mall Shooting Identified

3/18/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Victim and Suspect in Mall Shooting Identified	
Report Number:	18-42756	
Location:	The Oaks Mall 190 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	March 17, 2018 @ 2:17 p.m.	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(V) Siddiqi, Parisa	Thousand Oaks	29
(S) Crane, Kevin	Thousand Oaks	33
Narrative:		
<p>The victim in yesterday's shooting at the Oaks Mall has been identified as 29-year-old Parisa Siddiqi of Thousand Oaks. Siddiqi was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by her ex-husband while she was working at a retail store inside the mall.</p> <p>The suspect, who has been identified as Kevin Crane, also of Thousand Oaks, turned the gun on himself after he shot Siddiqi. Crane survived his suicide attempt and is being treated at a local hospital, where he remains in critical condition.</p> <p>The investigation into the shooting is ongoing.</p>		
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Camarillo - Alcohol Decoy Sting Operation

3/19/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Alcohol Decoy Sting Operation

Location:

Various Retail Locations in the City of Camarillo

Date & Time:

March 19, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Beverage Control

Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit / Alcohol

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

(A) Patel, Aruna Camarillo 53

Narrative:

On March 16, 2018, the Camarillo Police and Alcohol Beverage Control conducted an undercover operation to determine if local businesses would sell alcohol to a minor. Only one out

of twenty Camarillo alcohol sales locations sold to the minor.

Camarillo's Community Resource Unit with the assistance of agents from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control conducted an alcohol sting, using underage minor decoys, in an attempt to purchase alcohol from various retail establishments in the City of Camarillo. The goal of this operation was to limit minors' access to alcohol and confirm retail establishments are abiding by the Business and Professions Code and rules set forth by the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

Underage decoys were used in an attempt to purchase alcohol from twenty-one locations throughout the City of Camarillo. Cashiers at twenty locations asked for identification and turned the decoys away without selling any alcoholic beverages. A cashier at Lantana Liquor sold to one of the underage decoys and failed to ask for identification. The cashier was cited for selling alcohol to a minor.

The Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit will continue to conduct periodic sting operations in an effort to prevent minors' access to alcohol.

The police department would like to remind the public that selling alcohol to minors is illegal and that alcohol is a factor in many homicides and suicides; which along with car crashes are the leading causes of death in 15-20 year olds. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office wants to remind the public to report incidents of underage drinking and illegal purchasing of alcohol.

Prepared by:

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Approved by:

Captain Jeremy Paris

Countywide - Community Preparation for Significant Rainstorm

3/19/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Community Preparation for Significant Rainstorm
Location:	Thomas Fire burn area ' Western Ventura County
Date & Time:	March 20, 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:	Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Public Works, County Chief Executive Office

Narrative:

This week, Southern California is expecting a strong storm system that is forecast to bring significant rainfall to Ventura County. As the storm has moved closer to the region, the rainfall rates have been estimated to bring intensities that will exceed the thresholds for debris flows in the Thomas Fire burn area. The storm will arrive Tuesday afternoon with light rain steadily increasing through the overnight hours into Thursday morning. The highest rain intensities are expected between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The storm will gradually taper off Thursday.

Due to the high potential for mud and debris flows, the following mandatory evacuations will take effect on March 20, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.:

Matilija Canyon (North of Ojai Valley)

North Fork (North of Ojai Valley)

Vista Fire Burn Area (South end of Ojai Valley)

Nye Road, West: Hwy 33, South: Nye/Hwy 33

La Conchita

Voluntary evacuations will also take effect in the following areas on March 20, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.:

Casitas Pass Road / East: Santa Ana Road / West: Rincon Road

Ojai Road / East: Thomas Aquinas / West: Reeves Road

Ojai Road / North: Thomas Aquinas / South: Bridge Road

East Ojai / West: Gridley Road / East: Reeves Road

A map of the evacuation zones can be viewed at <http://www.vcemergency.com>.

Many areas in the county are susceptible to mudslides even without the impact the Thomas Fire has had on hillsides. The Thomas Fire has stripped hundreds of square miles of mountains and

hillsides leaving no vegetation to hold the soil in place. According to geologists, who have surveyed the burn area, the incoming storm could bring enough rain to cause mud and debris flows in areas that were impacted by the Thomas Fire. Members of the community need to be aware that debris flows can occur suddenly and without warning.

In anticipation of this and other storms this season, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Ventura County Public Works have acquired thousands of sandbags to distribute to local residents and business owners so they can help protect their properties from mud and debris flows. The sandbags are being distributed through Ventura County fire stations in and around the Thomas Fire burn area, and they will have supplies on hand so residents can also fill sandbags in the event the pre-filled bags run out. Residents can get sandbags from local fire stations during normal business hours. When they are not involved in an emergency response, firefighters will be available to assist residents. Ventura City residents can learn where to receive sand bags by visiting www.cityofventura.ca.gov.

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will open its Emergency Operations Center Tuesday morning, and has held planning meetings in advance of this rain event with our partner agencies, such as the Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Public Works, County Chief Executive Office, city leaders throughout the region, and the American Red Cross.

Residents need to be prepared to evacuate if necessary. We had great success with our notification systems during the Thomas Fire, but no system is perfect. Be aware, stay tuned-in and help your neighbors, friends and families stay up to date. If you are in an evacuation zone, a Red Cross shelter has been established at Ventura Community College 4667 Telegraph Road in Ventura. During this storm, residents can get the most up-to-date information about road closures and any areas impacted by the storm at the following website:

<http://www.vcemergency.com>

Additional information about storm preparation can be found at the following website:

<http://venturacountyrecovers.org/category/rain-ready/>. The website also contains an interactive map produced by the United States Geological Survey that shows the potential debris flow hazard for areas in and around the Thomas Fire burn area. Be sure to sign up for www.vcalert.org for direct notification on evacuations and others emergencies.

City of Ventura residents can go to www.cityofventura.ca.gov for local information.

City of Ojai residents can go to www.ojaicity.org

City of Santa Paula residents can go to www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us/

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Camarillo - Student Arrested for Bringing Replica Gun to School

3/20/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Student Arrested for Bringing Replica Gun to School	
Report Number:	18-44150	
Location:	Frontier High School 545 Airport Way Camarillo	
Date & Time:	March 20, 2018	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Juvenile		17
Narrative:		
<p>On March 20, 2018, Camarillo Police School Resource Officers arrested a 17-year-old high school student for being in possession of a weapon on campus.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, Administrators at Frontier High School were made aware of a video posted on social media last Friday. The video showed a student displaying, what appeared to be a handgun, while he was on the school's campus. There was no immediate threat to other students at the time he was displaying the gun. It was unclear if the weapon in the post was replica gun or an actual handgun. A School Resource Officer and other personnel were immediately sent to the school to begin an investigation. The student was contacted and was found not to be in possession of the handgun at that time. After a thorough investigation, the handgun was located at the student's residence in Oxnard. The handgun was a BB Gun and resembled that of a 9mm Beretta handgun.</p> <p>The student was arrested for 626.10 PC- felony possession of a weapon on school property and was lodged into Ventura County Juvenile Hall. The Camarillo Police would like to remind the public that bringing any type of weapon onto a school campus or the allegation of a weapon on campus is taken very seriously and investigated thoroughly. All high school campuses in Camarillo have a School Resource Officer assigned to ensure the campus is a safe environment for learning.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Driver's License / DUI Checkpoint

3/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint
Location:	Thousand Oaks, CA
Date & Time:	March 24, 2018 7:00 pm to 3:00 am
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau
Narrative:	<p>Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint Planned</p> <p>Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint on March 24, 2018 at an undisclosed location(s) within the city limits.</p> <p>The deterrent effect of High Visibility Enforcement using both DUI checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug impaired crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized proactive DUI operations are conducted routinely.</p> <p>DUI Checkpoints like this one 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.</p> <p>In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Locally, over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 6 lives and resulted in 85 injury crashes harming 112 of our friends and neighbors.</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Studies of California drivers have shown 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.</p> <p>The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free to 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. For more information about DDVIP, visit http://www.ots.ca.gov/pdf/DDVIP-App.pdf</p> <p>Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI</p>

classes, license suspensions 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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Approved by:	Captain Don Aguilar

Thousand Oaks - Updated Information on Oaks Mall Shooting

3/21/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Updated Information on Oaks Mall Shooting	
Report Number:	18-42756	
Location:	190 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	March 17, 2018 @ 2:17 p.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(V) Siddiqi, Parisa	Thousand Oaks	29
(S) Crane, Kevin	Thousand Oaks	33
Narrative:		
<p>Detectives have been conducting an extensive follow-up investigation into all aspects of the shooting that occurred last Saturday at the Oaks Mall. There was one previous reported case of domestic violence involving Kevin Crane and Parisa Siddiqi.</p> <p>In September 2014, deputies were called to a residence in Thousand Oaks to investigate a domestic disturbance involving the couple. Deputies concluded that Crane had battered Siddiqi during a dispute, and she suffered minor injuries as a result. Crane was arrested for felony domestic battery and booked into jail. During that investigation, deputies seized a Glock .40-caliber handgun and booked it in the sheriff's property room for safekeeping. The handgun belonged to Kevin Crane, but it was not used during the domestic violence incident.</p> <p>The Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed one count of misdemeanor domestic battery against Crane. The DA's Office also filed a petition to confiscate Crane's handgun. Crane did not contest the petition, and in November 2014, a judge ordered that the handgun be confiscated. At that time, the gun was still being stored in the sheriff's property room.</p> <p>In January of 2015, the District Attorney's Office dismissed the domestic violence case against Crane, because the victim, Parisa Siddiqi, would not cooperate with investigators and could not be located for service of a subpoena to appear in court. On an unknown date, Crane submitted a Law Enforcement Gun Release application to the California Department of Justice for the Glock handgun. On March 3, 2015, Crane received a letter from the DOJ that he was eligible to possess the firearm. Crane went to the East County Sheriff's Station and the handgun was returned to him in March of 2015. At that time, Crane was no longer being prosecuted for</p>		
<p>domestic violence. Crane was eligible to lawfully purchase a gun at any time after receiving the March 3, 2015 letter from DOJ declaring he was eligible to possess a firearm.</p> <p>The property room staff was unaware of the court's order to confiscate the firearm at the time it was returned to Crane. Detectives learned the DA's Office received the order after it was issued in November of 2014. A District Attorney's Office clerk sent a copy of the court order via inter-office mail to the sheriff's office. There is a record of the court order being received by the sheriff's office in October of 2015. Inter-office mail has no system in place to track the sending of documents. Investigators are working to determine why there was a lapse in time between the order being issued and the document being received. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office are reviewing the process and are taking steps to ensure this never happens again. The handgun released to Crane was the only gun</p>		

registered to him. It was the same handgun used to murder Siddiqi last Saturday.

Crane remains in critical condition at a local hospital with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The decision to arrest Crane will depend on whether he recovers from his injuries.

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Thousand Oaks - Vehicle Thief Arrested

3/21/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Vehicle Thief Arrested	
Report Number:	18-44017, 18-43485, 18-43496	
Location:	200 block of Columbia Road, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	March 20, 2018 @ 0327 hours	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / Thousand Oaks Police Volunteers in Policing / ECPS Investigations	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Banner, Lindsey	Thousand Oaks	19
(V) Adult Male	Thousand Oaks	50
(V) Adult Male	Thousand Oaks	25
(V) Unknown	Unknown	
Narrative:		
<p>On March 18, 2018, a Chevrolet Sport Utility Vehicle was stolen from the front of a residence located in the 100 block of Tarkio Street in the City of Thousand Oaks. The vehicle was subsequently recovered on March 19, 2018, approximately two miles away from where it was stolen. Upon its recovery, deputies discovered several item of personnel property that appeared to be stolen from other victims.</p> <p>Also on March 19, 2018, Thousand Oaks Volunteers in Policing took a theft from a vehicle report which occurred on West Sidlee Street, Thousand Oaks. The victim reported someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and stole several items of personal property. Among the items stolen was the victim's prescription medication. Patrol deputies were able to identify some of the property located in the stolen SUV as belonging to the victim on Sidlee Street.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, at approximately 0327 hours, a Thousand Oaks deputy was patrolling the area of Columbia Road and Triangle Street when the deputy observed a suspicious subject. The subject was identified as Lindsey Banner. Upon contact with Banner, the deputy determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. A search of Banner's person revealed he was in possession of the prescription medication stolen from Sidlee Street. In addition, Banner was in possession of two ignition keys belonging to two different vehicles. Banner was booked into the Ventura County Jail for being under the influence of a controlled substance and being in possession of prescription medication not prescribed to</p>		
<p>The Thousand Oaks Police Auto Crimes Unit conducted a follow up investigation regarding the stolen vehicle and theft from vehicle cases. Detectives identified one of the keys in Banner's possession as belonging to the stolen Chevrolet Sport Utility Vehicle that was stolen on March 18</p> <p>On March 21, 2018, Banner was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for violating Vehicle Code Section 10851(a) / Vehicle Theft and Penal Code Section 496(a) / Possession of Stolen Property. He remains in custody awaiting trial with a bail of \$25,000.</p> <p>th. Investigators searched Banner's residence and discovered additional property belonging to the victim on Sidlee Street.</p>		

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Thousand Oaks - Alcoholic Beverage Decoy Sting Operation

3/22/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Alcoholic Beverage Decoy Sting Operation
Location:		Various Retail Locations in the City of Thousand Oaks
Date & Time:		March 16, 2018
Unit Responsible:		Thousand Oaks Police Department Directed Enforcement Unit / Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Michael Saad	Calabasas	32
(S) Kricia Ordonez	Oxnard	33
Narrative:		
<p>On March 16, 2018, deputies with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Directed Enforcement Unit and agents with the Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted an undercover operation to determine if local businesses in the City of Thousand Oaks would sell alcohol to a minor. Deputies and agents went to 28 businesses and attempted to use a minor decoy to purchase alcoholic beverages. Two businesses sold alcohol to the minor decoys.</p> <p>Underage decoys were used in an attempt to purchase alcohol from businesses throughout the City of Thousand Oaks. Cashiers at The Bottlery, located in the 100 block of West Hillcrest Drive, and Mercados Guadalajara, located in the 2400 block of West Hillcrest Drive, sold alcohol to the minor decoys without asking for identification. Both cashiers were issued misdemeanor citations for selling alcohol to minors.</p> <p>The Thousand Oaks Police Department's Directed Enforcement continues its collaboration with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct periodic sting operations in the City. The goals of these operations are to limit minors' access to alcohol and confirm retail establishments are following the Business and Professions Code and regulations set forth by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.</p> <p>The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind the public that selling alcohol to minors is illegal. The Thousand Oaks Police Department reminds the public to report incidents of underage drinking and illegal purchasing of alcohol. Underage drinking is when anyone under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 drinks alcohol. It is a risk to youth and a widespread public</p>		
<p>health problem. For more information on underage drinking involving teens and alcohol in Ventura County, visit http://www.venturacountylimits.org/en/prevention/underage-drinking</p>		
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Approved by:

Captain Don Aguilar

Camarillo - Homeowner's Video System Leads to Arrest of Burglar

3/23/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Homeowner's video system leads to arrest of daytime burglar

Report Number:

18-44396

Location:

2300 Block of Parkway Drive, Camarillo

Date & Time:

March 21, 2018 at 12:50 pm

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Station Detectives

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

Juvenile Ventura 17

Narrative:

On March 20, 2018 at about 10:53 am, a suspected burglar jumped a fence to enter a locked backyard of a residence on Parkway Drive in the City of Camarillo. The suspect walked around the victim's backyard and tried to open a locked door, but was not able gain entry into the home. The suspect left the yard without completing his crime.

The homeowner had a security system that included several cameras. Detectives from the Camarillo Police department reviewed the evidence and immediately identified the suspect from the video. Detectives believe that the homeowner prevented the burglary by simply locking the doors to their house while they were gone.

On March 21, 2018, detectives located the suspect, who was determined to be a juvenile, and arrested him without incident. The suspect was later booked into the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facility for attempted burglary.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind homeowners that most daytime burglars are looking for a quick entrance into a home and quick escape. Most do not want to confront residents. These suspects will often knock on the front doors to determine if anyone is home prior to breaking in. Locking your doors and windows to prevent entry is essential to prevent these crimes. If an unknown person knocks on the door, homeowners are advised to acknowledge that you are home, but do not open the door to strangers. Homeowners should not let strangers into their home to use the phone or restroom. Suspicious subjects or incidents should be immediately reported to the police department.

There are commercial video and doorbell systems available that allow homeowners to monitor cameras and communicate with visitors remotely from inside or while away from your home. For helpful tips on how to protect your home from burglary or tips on different security systems you can use, contact the Camarillo Crime Prevention Office at 805-388-5130.

Prepared by:

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News Release Date:

March 22, 2018

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Community Resource Unit

Approved by:

Captain J. Paris

Ojai - Public's Help Sought to Identify Burglary Suspects

3/23/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Burglary from a Vehicle ' Identity Theft / Attempt to Identify

Report Number:

RB# 17-164939

Location:

South Rice Road / El Roblar Drive Ojai, CA

Date & Time:

On 10/28/2017, between 08:00 A.M and 12:30 P.M.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives

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

(S) Unknown Male

(S) Unknown female

Narrative:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Ojai Police Department, are seeking the public's help in identifying two suspects responsible for vehicle burglary, identity theft and unlawful use of a credit card.

10/28/2017, at approximately 0800 hours, the victim parked her gray Ford F-150 in the parking lot at the

trailhead located on Rice Road, just south of El Roblar Drive in the unincorporated area of Ojai. She

locked her vehicle and walked down the trailhead to paint. At approximately 1230 hours, the victim

returned to her vehicle and discovered her doors were unlocked. She discovered that her vehicle had

been burglarized and numerous personal items were stolen from her vehicle. Among those items was a

purse with credit and debit cards.

On 10/28/17, at approximately 1215 hours, the suspects (pictures attached) were seen on surveillance

using the victim's stolen debit cards at Bed, Bath & Beyond and at Target in Ventura. One of the clerks

believed the couple spoke to each other in Russian.

Ojai Police is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and/or providing information to

assist in resolving this crime. Please contact Detective Regan at 477-7038 with any information.

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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:

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03/23/2018

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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).

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Thousand Oaks - Man Steals \$200,000 in Fraudulent Business Scheme

3/23/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

business scheme.

Man steals \$200,000.00 from Thousand Oaks resident in fraudulent

Report Number:

18-6477

Location:

1500 Block of Synergy, Irvine California

Date & Time:

March 22, 2018 @ 0715 hours

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / ECPS Investigations

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

(S) Nguyen, Dan Irvine 44

(V) Adult female Thousand Oaks 34

Narrative:

In January of 2018, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the 100 block of West Avenida De Los Arboles for a stolen vehicle report. The female victim is a resident and small business owner in the City of Thousand Oaks. The female victim reported a person named Dan Nguyen not only stole her vehicle, but also stole several thousand dollars from her by means of a fraudulent business scheme.

Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department took over the investigation and identified the suspect as Dan Nguyen of Irvine. Detectives learned, through their investigation, that the victim met Nguyen on a popular Internet dating site. Nguyen told the victim he was an expert businessman and a business consultant. Nguyen, under the guise of helping the victim grow her business, convinced the victim to sign over half of her business to him, rent an apartment for him

in the City of Costa Mesa, and lease two vehicles for him in her name. In addition, Nguyen convinced the victim to make all payments to him instead of the respective financial institutions. Nguyen took the money from the victim that was intended to pay for the vehicles and apartment but never forwarded the money to the financial institutions. Detectives determined Nguyen stole approximately \$200,000.00 from the victim.

On March 22, 2018, investigators served a search warrant at Nguyen's residence located in the 1500 block of Synergy in the City of Irvine. As a result of the search, Detectives located and seized numerous financial documents and \$3,800.00 in United States currency. Nguyen was arrested for violating Penal Code section 532(a) / theft by false pretenses. Nguyen was transported back to Ventura County and booked into jail. He remains in custody on \$100,000

bail.

Prepared by:

Sergeant Robert Davidson

Media Release Date:

March 22, 2018

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Thousand Oaks - Stolen Vehicle Arrests

3/23/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Stolen Vehicle Arrests

Report Number:

18-37535

Location:

1200 Block of Calle Arroyo, Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

03/15/2018 0700 hours

Unit Responsible:

Sheriff's Gang Unit

Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit, Directed Enforcement Unit,

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

(S) Antonia Carachure Thousand Oaks 23

(S) Alex Mirras Thousand Oaks 21

(S) Ali Maadarani Palmdale 32

Narrative:

During the month of March 2018, detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit and Sheriff's Gang Unit began investigating the theft of multiple vehicles from a car dealership in Ventura. On March 15, 2018, Detectives with the Special Enforcement Unit located two stolen vehicles in the 1200 block of Calle Arroyo in the City of Thousand Oaks. As part of that investigation, they served a search warrant at a residence also located in the 1200 block of Calle Arroyo.

As a result of their investigation, detectives developed probable cause to believe Alex Mirras and Antonia Carachure were in violation of California Vehicle Code 10851(a) ' Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle. Carachure and Mirras were located during the service of the search warrant and arrested for vehicle theft. Carachure posted bail in the amount of \$50,000 and Mirras posted bail in the amount of \$20,000.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives identified an employee at the dealership, Ali Maadarani, as a co-conspirator in the vehicle thefts. Detectives determined there was probable cause to believe Maadarani was in violation of Penal Code 182(a)(1) PC ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, Vehicle Code 10851(a) ' Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle, and Penal Code 508 ' Embezzlement over \$950. On March 22, detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit and Special Enforcement Unit located Maadarani at his place of employment, located in the 6000 block of King Drive in the City of Ventura. Maadarani was arrested and booked into the Main Jail, where his bail was set at \$200,000.

On March 23, detectives with the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit, Directed

Enforcement Unit and Sheriff's Gang Unit served a search warrant at Maadarani's residence, located in the 39000 block of Chantilly Lane in the City of Palmdale. Detectives located additional evidence related to the vehicle thefts at that home.

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Thousand Oaks - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results

3/26/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results	
Location:		City of Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:		March 24, 2018 from 7:30 pm to 2:30 am	
Unit Responsible:		Thousand oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age	
(S) Cadley, Michael (DUI)	Newbury Park	55	
(S) Coulter, Roger (DUI)	Thousand Oaks	61	
(S) Mandy, Jacob (Warrants)	San Jose, CA	26	
Narrative:			
March 2018 DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint			
On March 24, 2018 the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint at two locations in the City of Thousand Oaks. Vehicles were screened as they passed through the checkpoint locations. Two arrests were made for DUI and one arrest was made for out of county warrants. Several citations were issued for unlicensed driver and/or for having a suspended/revoked driver's license.			
The first Checkpoint location was west bound Borchard Road, east of Wendy Drive from 8:25 pm to 11:00 pm. The second location was east bound Avenida De Los Arboles, east of Calle Haya from 11:30 pm to 2:30 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 related injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive alcohol and/or drug impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging alcohol or drugged impaired drivers 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 yielding considerable cost savings of \$6.00 for every \$1.00 spent. Ninety percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

During the listed Checkpoint Operation the following occurred:

- ' 562 vehicles entered the Checkpoint
- ' 562 vehicles were screened in the Checkpoint
- ' Two DUI alcohol impaired arrests were made
- ' No DUI drug impaired arrests were made
- ' Four drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle while unlicensed or for having a suspended/revoked driver's license
- ' A total of nine citations were issued
- ' One arrest was made for out of county warrants.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of DUI, reminding everyone that all it takes is a little preplanning. Designate a sober driver, call a friend or family member for a ride or call a cab. Whatever you do, don't drink and drive or drive while drug impaired. Through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free to 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. For more information on DDVIP visit: <https://www.ots.ca.gov/pdf/DDVIP-App.pdf>

Driver's caught driving under the influence can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000. That does not include embarrassment when family and friends find out.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on April 28, 2018 (Saturday), in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and related injuries on our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California OTS through NHTSA. Remember to report Drunk Drivers by calling 9-1-1.

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Santa Paula - Two Caught With Drugs, Guns, and Cash

3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Narcotics Arrests	
Report Number:	18-24419	
Location:	100 Block of E. Ventura Street, Santa Paula	
Date & Time:	03/08/2018 @ 1700 Hrs.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (A) Areestee	City of Residence	Age
(A) Omar Frias	Santa Paula	29
(A) Guadalupe Sandoval	Santa Paula	25
Narrative:		
<p>On 03/08/18, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team concluded a month long narcotic investigation into the drug trafficking activities of Omar Frias and Guadalupe Sandoval, both of Santa Paula, after receiving information they were supplying methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County.</p> <p>On 3/08/18, at approximately 1700 hrs, Detectives from the West County Street Team detained Frias and Sandoval during a traffic stop near the City of Santa Paula. A search warrant was then executed on their persons, vehicle and residence. During the search, approximately 5 pounds of methamphetamine, one pound of heroin and several ounces of cocaine were seized. The above mentioned drugs were packaged for sale in various quantities. A large sum of U.S. Currency believed to be the proceeds of narcotic sales was also seized in addition to two handguns.</p> <p>Frias and Sandoval were arrested and booked at the Ventura County Main Jail on narcotic violations. Frias and Sandoval posted bail and are currently awaiting arraignment at their next court date.</p> <p>The West County Street Narcotics Team is comprised of narcotic detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Port Hueneme Police Department and the Oxnard Police Department.</p>		
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Camarillo - Arrests Made in Human Trafficking Case

3/30/2018 4:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Human Trafficking Arrest

Report Number:

18-44512

Location:

City of Camarillo ' multiple locations

Date & Time:

3/21/2018 @ 8:00 PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Department

Special Crimes Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Narcotics Unit, Camarillo Police

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

(S) James Powell Sacramento 31

(V) Adult Female Rohnert Park 22

(V) Adult Female Sacramento 20

(V) Juvenile Female Sacramento 17

(V) Juvenile Female Sacramento 16

(V) Juvenile Female Sacramento 14

Narrative:

On March 20

investigation that led to the arrest of one suspect and discovery of 3 juvenile and 2 adult human trafficking victims.

On March 20, 2018, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office received information from a Citrus Heights Police Department detective about a 14-year-old female runaway that may be in the Camarillo area. The detective believed the 14-year-old girl was possibly a victim of Human Trafficking based on an internet post with a picture of the 14-year-old female advertising sexual services.

Camarillo Patrol deputies began checking lodging establishments in Camarillo and located the 14-year-old female along with a 17-year-old female and a 22-year-old female in a hotel in Camarillo. Detectives from the Special Crimes Unit and Major Crimes Unit responded to begin an investigation. Detectives conducted interviews, obtained a search warrant for the hotel room, conducted a search of the hotel room and collected evidence. Based on all of the evidence and information obtained during the investigation, detectives determined the females were being sexually exploited and were victims of human trafficking. Detectives determined there was a 16-year-old juvenile female, a 20-year-old adult female and the suspect that were unaccounted for. Detectives were concerned for the safety of the two females and obtained assistance from the

th and 21st 2018, detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted an

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Sheriff's Narcotics Unit and Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Detail. Detectives from these investigative units continued with the investigation and search for the two females. After approximately 24 hours of ongoing investigation and searching, the 16-year-old juvenile victim was located in the Sacramento area, the 20-year-old female was found with the suspect, James Powell, preparing to check into a hotel in Manhattan Beach.

Powell was arrested and transported back to Ventura County where he was booked into the Ventura County Jail on human trafficking charges with a bail set at \$510,000.00. The District Attorney's Office filed 2 counts of human trafficking 236.1(c)(2) PC and 2 counts of human trafficking 236.1(a) PC on Powell. A Preliminary Hearing for Powell is scheduled for April 6

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2018 in Ventura Superior Court.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has a dedicated human trafficking investigator assigned to the Special Crimes Unit. This investigative unit is responsible for investigating various criminal organizations operating throughout Ventura County. The Sheriff's Office investigates human trafficking cases with a victim centered approach as these victims are often in need of additional resources because they lack a support base. The Sheriff's Office teams up with public and private organizations to bridge the gap in resources for these victims. In this particular case, Interface and the Federal Bureau of Investigations victim services unit provided assistance to the victims in this case.

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Ojai - Three Arrested for Assault on Juveniles

3/30/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Three suspects arrested on charges resulting from an assault on juveniles.	
Report Number:	18-48931	
Location:	Various locations in the Ojai Valley	
Date & Time:	03/17/2018 - 03/29/2018	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ojai Police Department, Ojai Investigations Unit, Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Stuart Griffith	Ojai	54
(S) Angelica Griffith	Ojai	58
(S) Anzel Griffith	Ojai	22
(V) Juvenile	Ojai	17
(V) Juvenile	Ojai	15
Narrative:		
<p>On 03/29/2018, Three suspects were arrested on firearm and assault charges committed in the Ojai Valley. This incident was stemming from a multi-day dispute between the victims and suspects.</p> <p>On March 29 Interviews on the March 29 On March 22</p> <p>th Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives responded to Nordhoff High School reference an altercation that had just occurred on school property. After interviewing the victims and multiple witnesses, Detectives were able to determine (S) Anzel Griffith had entered onto school property and committed a battery against the 15 year old victim regarding stolen property. The 15 year old victim admitted to stealing Anzel's two small motorcycles with another 17 year old victim on, 03/17/2018. Based on multiple witnesses, the 15 year old victim, and suspect statements, at no time were any gun(s) brought onto the campus, or seen, at Nordhoff High School. th incident at Nordhoff High School, revealed details of an incident that had occurred on 3/22/2018: nd Anzel and his father, (S) Stuart Griffith, had participated in a vehicle chase with the two juvenile victims through the Ojai Valley. The vehicle chase ended at the entrance of the Rancho Matilija Gated Community where Anzel brandished a 9mm handgun at the victims. Stuart and Anzel forcibly removed the victims from the vehicle, knocking them to the ground and</p>		

delivering multiple kicks to the head and torso areas of both victims.

Due to the incidents on 3/22/2018 and 03/29/2018, Anzel contacted Stuart after leaving the assault at Nordhoff High School. In fear of the police coming to their residence with a search warrant, Stuart instructed Anzel and his wife, (S) Angelica, to remove all firearms from their residence and transport them to a separate location prior to police arrival. Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit, who were already surveilling the suspect's home, observed Anzel and Angelica place multiple firearms in their vehicle and leave the area. Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives from the Gang Unit conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and all parties were arrested.

This incident resulted in the suspects being arrested for the following charges:

PC 245(a)(4) - Assault by means to produce great bodily injury

PC 422(a) ' Criminal Threats

PC 417 (2) ' Brandishing a Firearm

PC 32 ' Accessory after the fact

Additional charges are pending reference a modified non-California complaint AR-15 that was found during the arrest.

An investigation into the original motorcycle thefts, burglary and conspiracy charges are now underway.

At no time did either party contact police to report the theft of the motorcycles on March 17

Throughout the incident at Nordhoff High School, Ojai Police Chief, James Fryhoff, continued to update Ojai Unified School District Superintendent, Andrew Cantwell. Superintendent Andrew Cantwell said: "We are grateful to our partnership with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and for their help in bringing this incident to a safe conclusion. Students' safety is our first priority and we have worked diligently with local police and our school community to make our campuses as safe as we can. We must, as a community of educators, students, parents and police, teach our children that there are non-violent ways to resolve their differences."

All suspects were transported and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Center in Ventura, CA.

th or the assault that took place on March 22nd. The incident on March 29th at Nordhoff High School was reported by multiple witnesses at the school.

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Small Plane Crashes Near Santa Paul, Killing Two

3/31/2018 8:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Small Plane Crashes Near Santa Paula, Killing Two
Report Number:	18-50196
Location:	17000-block of South Mountain Road
Date & Time:	March 31, 2018 @ 2:11 p.m.
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura County Fire Department, Santa Paula Fire Department, Santa Paula Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board
Narrative:	
<p>A small airplane with two men on board crashed near Santa Paula Airport, killing both occupants. The plane came down on a ranch property, narrowly missing several homes in the area. The plane clipped a storage container and a wall, before breaking apart among some trees, igniting a small fire.</p> <p>The pilot and passenger were pronounced dead at the scene after the fire was quickly extinguished. Nobody on the ground was injured. The cause of the crash is unknown, and the origin and destination of the flight have not been determined. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board will arrive at the crash site Sunday morning to examine the scene. The identities of the two men have not yet been released, pending notification of next of kin.</p>	
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