

Countywide - Suspect Arrested For Doctor Shopping

2/1/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Doctor Shopping Arrest

Report Number:

18-12804

Location:

Southern California

Date & Time:

February 1st, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)

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

(S) Jennifer Williams Calabasas 49

Narrative:

During November 2017, Detectives from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit received a tip from an astute doctor in Ventura County about a female patient named Jennifer Williams. The information received from this doctor indicated Williams was visiting numerous physicians throughout Southern California to fraudulently obtain controlled substances.

An investigation was conducted which revealed Williams had visited 80 doctors during the past year from Orange County to Santa Barbara County. During those visits, Williams obtained about 3600 dosage units of Schedule II pain killers (Oxycodone and Hydrocodone) and 1100 dosage units of Schedule IV drugs such as Lorazepam. In Ventura County alone, Williams visited 25 different doctors from Simi Valley to Ojai.

On January 24

and located paperwork from numerous other doctors that had recently prescribed her Schedule II

medications. th, 2018, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The

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Williams was arrested and booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail facility for 11173(a) H&S 'Obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. This section is also commonly referred to as 'Doctor Shopping.'

On January 26

District Attorney's office elected to file 11 counts of 11173(a) H&S.

The Ventura County doctor in this case alerted law enforcement after accessing Williams' prescription history using the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES). CURES is a database which tracks dispensed controlled substance medications like the ones mentioned in this release. Use of CURES by physicians has been shown to decrease the amount of prescriptions written which directly translates to fewer instances of abuse, overdose, and death from both prescription drugs and even heroin. Unfortunately, not enough doctors currently utilize this database.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Ventura Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation, and the California Department of Health Care Services. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdoses due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use.

th, 2018, Detectives detained Williams outside an Urgent Care in Thousand Oaks,

Camarillo - Man Dies of Injuries From Traffic Collision

2/2/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Fatal Traffic Collision	
Report Number:	18-15850	
Location:	Arneill Road North of Barry Street, Camarillo	
Date & Time:	1/29/18 at 5:00 PM	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(D) Romo, Gerardo	Camarillo	58
Narrative:		
<p>On January 29, 2018, Gerardo Romo was walking across Arneill Road near Barry Street in Camarillo when he was hit by a car. Mr. Romo was not in a crosswalk as he stepped off the curb and was hit by a car traveling northbound on Arneill Road. The collision caused serious injuries to Mr. Romo who was treated at the scene by emergency personnel. He was transported to a local hospital where his treatment continued. During the evening of 1/31/18, Mr. Romo passed away from the injuries he received in the traffic collision. The collision is being investigated by the Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact Sr. Traffic Investigator Sam Dominguez at 805-388-5146.</p>		
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Countywide - Destroyed Firearms from Recent Thomas Fire

2/2/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Destroyed Firearms From Recent Thomas Fire

Location:

Countywide

Date & Time:

January 29, 2018

Narrative:

The recent Thomas Fire ravaged much of Ventura County last month. Many residents had some or all of their personal property destroyed in the fire. One of those items might have been a firearm.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office wants to inform residents that if your firearms were destroyed

in the Thomas Fire, you can contact your local law enforcement office to assist with disposing of your destroyed firearms. If your destroyed firearms were registered with the California

Department of Justice, you need to complete a

California form BOF 4546) found on the California DOJ/Bureau of Firearms website

'Notice of No Longer in Possession' (State of

<https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>

will need to provide an explanation to Cal DOJ regarding the circumstances of the destruction of the firearms on an attached sheet. The BOF 4546 form provides detailed instructions for the registered owner.

If the registered owner wants assistance with the disposal of any destroyed firearms and lives within the Ventura County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction, they can request a deputy respond to take a report detailing the circumstances of the firearm's destruction, provide the registered owner with the official report number, and take the firearm for safe destruction. It is recommended that if residents are in possession of destroyed or damaged (beyond the ability to repair) firearms, they contact their law local law enforcement agency to safely and properly dispose of the firearms. If you are unsure if your destroyed firearm(s) are loaded or capable of firing, ALWAYS TREAT THEM AS OPERATIONAL AND LOADED, keeping firearm safety in mind.

. In addition to completing the BOF 4546 form, the registered owner

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Thousand Oaks - Man Arrested in Connection with Woman's Overdose

2/2/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Man Arrested in Connection with Woman's Overdose	
Report Number:	17-131719	
Location:	900 block of Brossard Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA	
Date & Time:	August 31, 2017 @ 1:50 p.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Patrol Services; Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau; Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau; California State Parole	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) David Delacruz	Thousand Oaks	37
(V) Ashley Machado	Simi Valley	30
Narrative:		
<p>Suspect arrested after furnishing heroin to a drug overdose victim.</p> <p>During the early afternoon hours of August 31, 2017, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department were summoned to a residence in the 900 block of Brossard Drive for a medical emergency. Upon their arrival, deputies found the victim, Ashley Machado, unconscious on the front porch. Emergency medical personnel arrived on scene and immediately administered life-saving efforts to Machado. Machado was transported to Los Robles Hospital where she was placed in the Critical Care Unit (CCU). Machado's medical condition remained critical for weeks on end, as she had suffered an injury resulting from the heroin overdose.</p> <p>Early on in the investigation, it was discovered Machado was with David Delacruz at the time of her overdose. Delacruz had recently paroled in July of 2017 after serving nearly 12 years in state prison for armed robbery.</p> <p>An investigation into the circumstances surrounding Machado's overdose was initiated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes and Narcotics Bureaus. Investigators learned Delacruz fled the scene immediately following Machado's overdose and relocated to Idaho. Delacruz' involvement in Machado's overdose was relayed to California State Parole, who in turn placed a no-bail parole violation (warrant) into the nationwide database.</p>		
<p>In early December, Delacruz was contacted by law enforcement authorities in Idaho and his out of state warrant was discovered. Delacruz was arrested for the parole warrant, extradited back to California and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail on December 7, 2017.</p> <p>Following a five month investigation, investigators compiled enough evidence to showcase that Delacruz not only provided Machado with the heroin, but that he had injected the dangerous drug into her body; both of which are violations of the law. Delacruz, whom remains in custody without bail for the parole violation, was arrested on February 2, 2018, for an additional charge of supplying the heroin which led to Machado's overdose. Delacruz is scheduled for arraignment on February 6, 2018.</p>		

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Camarillo - Community Shred Event a Huge Success

2/7/2018 3:00:00 PM

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COMMANDER DAVE MURRAY Nature of Incident:	Shred Event Totals
Report Number:	
Location:	Camarillo Community Center / 1605 Burnley St
Date & Time:	Saturday / February 3, 2018 / 8:00AM -12:00PM
Unit(s) Responsible:	Community Resource Unit
Narrative:	
<p>On Saturday, February 3rd, the Camarillo Police Explorers and Access hosted a secure paper-shredding event at the Camarillo Community Center, from 8 am till 12 noon.</p> <p>This event was open to all Camarillo residents and businesses. The Camarillo Police Explorers would like to thank our community for their generous support during this event. 326 cars came to the event and 19,980 pounds (10 tons) of secure documents were shredded. The Camarillo Police Explorers raised \$2,147.00 as a result of this event. All proceeds from this event went directly to the Camarillo Police Explorer program.</p> <p>The Camarillo Police Explorers Program would also like to thank Toschin Aquino from Access and Management Analyst Roger Pichardo from the City of Camarillo, for putting this event together.</p> <p>Explorers are local youth between 14 and 20 years of age. These youth have displayed a desire to pursue law enforcement as a potential career opportunity. The explorers all have high ethical principles and are enthusiastic to support their community. They take part in weekly Post meetings, assist with civic and community events, perform parking service and traffic control duties at local events, participate in scenario based strategic trainings, and attend tactical competitions.</p>	
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Camarillo - Identity Theft Suspect Arrested

2/7/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Identity Theft Suspect Arrested	
Report Number:	RB #17-178123	
Location:	Los Angeles International Airport Parking Lot C Los Angeles CA 90036	
Date & Time:	February 03, 2018 @ 11:45 hours	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Sheriff's Office/Camarillo Special Enforcement Los Angeles International Airport Police/LAX	
Suspects	City of Residence	Age
(S) Christopher Hardison	Transient/Los Angeles, CA	57 yrs
Narrative:		
<p>An Identity thief has been arrested and jailed for multi-jurisdiction identity thefts in excess of \$25,000.00. On November 20, 2017, a resident from Ventura County reported to have been a victim of identity theft suffering a loss of \$6,500.00. This victim subsequently discovered two separate Chase Bank withdrawals from two separate locations in Los Angeles.</p> <p>Detectives from the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail began investigating this crime. It was determined the same suspect was responsible for these two transactions. Investigators obtained still photographs from Chase Bank showing the suspect inside the bank branches making the fraudulent withdrawals.</p> <p>The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department disseminated these photographs to the public requesting assistance in identifying the suspect.</p> <p>A Los Angeles Airport patrol officer saw an individual who he recognized as the identity theft suspect from an ABC 7 News broadcast. A multi-jurisdiction investigation immediately began.</p> <p>The investigation revealed Christopher Hardison was positively identified as the suspect and he later confessed to the crimes. Hardison was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Main Jail, for two felony violations of identity theft.</p> <p>On February 05, 2018, Detectives from the Orange County Sheriff's Department contacted Detectives from the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail. They recognized Hardison as a possible suspect in two additional Chase Bank identity theft cases from the Mission Viejo and Irvine areas. These crimes were unsolved dating back from November of 2016 with a total loss of \$15,000.00 to the victim's.</p>		

Camarillo Special Enforcement Detectives assisted Orange County Investigators with these additional crimes. The investigation revealed that Hardison was positively identified as the suspect in these additional crimes and he later confessed to these crimes.

It is thought that additional identity theft crimes may have been committed by Hardison throughout southern California. If you have any information on additional crimes involving this suspect, please contact Detective Hollowell at (805) 797-2891.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships.

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Camarillo - Residents Warned About Work at Home Scams

2/7/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Work at Home Scams	
Report Number:			
Location:		Camarillo Police Department	
Date & Time:		2/07/2018 - 1300	
Unit(s) Responsible:		Community Resource Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age	
Narrative:			
<p>Are you looking for an easy way to make money at home' Did you post a resume on Craigslist' Did you get a job offer via text or email without ever having a face to face interview' If this sounds familiar you may have been the victim of a work at home scam.</p> <p>The most common work at home scams are envelope stuffers, mystery shopper, or home shippers. Recently, the Camarillo Police Department became aware of a mystery shopper scam. The victim received a message via email regarding earning extra income. The victim then received a check from "Field Agent Inc." for a significant amount of money, was told to deposit the check in his account, and was asked to purchase two iPhones. The victim purchased the phones, shipped them to Texas, and was told to keep the extra money for himself. The next day the victim was notified by his bank that the check was bogus, and the victim was out the full amount of the check.</p> <p>The Camarillo Police Department would like to offer the following tips so you don't become a victim:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Do not give out personal information to someone you don't know2) Be wary of someone asking you to deposit a check into your account as payment for a job and telling to you to keep the extra money for yourself3) Do not pay any upfront fees4) Research the company involved through the Better Business Bureau @ https://www.bbb.org/, the Attorney General @ https://oag.ca.gov/, or the Federal Trade Commission @ https://www.ftc.gov/ <p>Remember that there is no easy way to make money working from your home. If it sounds too</p>			
good to be true, it probably is.			
If you are a victim of a scam and you have lost money as a result of that scam, please contact the Camarillo Police Department @ 805-654-9511 to report the scam to a deputy.			
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Moorpark - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint

2/7/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint
Report Number:	N/A
Location:	City of Moorpark
Date & Time:	February 10, 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:	Moorpark Traffic Bureau
Narrative:	
DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend	
<p>Moorpark, CA ' The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on 02/10/2018, within the city limits between the hours of 8:00 pm & 3:00 am.</p> <p>In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Moorpark Police 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.</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. Over the course of the past three years Moorpark PD officers have investigated 42 DUI collisions which have claimed 0 lives but resulted in 39 injuries.</p> <p>Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for</p>	
<p>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>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.</p> <p>Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.</p>	

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

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Countywide - Resources Available for Victims of Violent Crime

2/9/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Resources Available for Victims of Violent Crime

Location:

Countywide

Date & Time:

February 9, 2018

Narrative:

In high-profile criminal cases, the public focus is often aimed primarily at the suspects, mainly because people seek to understand why criminals prey upon others in our communities. What people often forget are the victims of those crimes, whose suffering can continue well beyond the

criminal act itself.

In law enforcement, our mission is to seek justice for victims of crime, and we work with victims every day in the pursuit of justice for them. Part of that mission is to connect victims of violent crime with the resources that are available to them both locally and at the state level. Anyone who suffers physical injury or the threat of physical injury as a result of violent crime can apply for

state assistance to help pay expenses for such things as medical and dental treatment, counseling, income loss, funeral and burial expenses, residential security, relocation and more.

California was the first state to create a victim's compensation program in 1965. Today, the California Victim Compensation Board administers funds collected through restitution and fines paid by criminal offenders. Those funds are disbursed to victims of violent crimes who apply for them. For information about the VCB and resources available to crime victims, visit the VCB website at

advocate program can be found at the Ventura County District Attorney's website:

<https://victims.ca.gov>. Additional local resources and information about the victim

www.vcdistrictattorney.com/victims/

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Thousand Oaks - Identity Thief Finds Multiple Victims on Craig's List

2/9/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Identity Thief Finds Multiple Victims on Craig's List

Report Number:

17-111484

Location:

Various Residences, Thousand Oaks Ca. 91360

Date & Time:

July 22, 2017 to February 8, 2018

Unit Responsible:

Investigations Bureau

Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Patrol Services

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

(S) Yackery, Christina Thousand Oaks 30

(V) Adult Female Thousand Oaks 34

(V) Adult Female Thousand Oaks 33

(V) Adult Female Thousand Oaks 21

(V) Adult Female Thousand Oaks 55

Narrative:

A female suspect answered multiple victims' Craig's List advertisements for a roommate. After moving into the victim's residence, the suspect stole jewelry, credit cards, checks, and use the victim's personal identifying information to acquire money. Four adult female victims and two additional possible adult female victims have been identified.

In June 2017, two Thousand Oaks residents placed an advertisement on Craig's List for a roommate. The suspect, Christina Yackery, answered the advertisement and moved into their apartment shortly thereafter.

On July 27, 2017, one of the victims reported fraudulent activity in her checking account. Thousand Oaks deputies responded and determined a forgery and identity theft had occurred. Yackery moved out of the residence shortly after the police report was completed.

On August 17, 2017, another victim reported she believed Yackery had stolen jewelry while they had been roommates. Thousand Oaks deputies responded and determined a grand theft had occurred and believed the suspect had used the victim's personal identifying information to acquire goods and services in the victim's name. Deputies identified Yackery as a possible suspect.

Detectives with the East Valley Investigations Bureau were able to locate the victim's property at a local pawn shop. Detectives returned the jewelry to the victim and gathered information associating Yackery as the person who pawned the property.

Over the next few months, Yackery moved between various residences in the Thousand Oaks / Los Angeles area, and a residence in Connecticut.

On January 23, 2018, two additional victims in Thousand Oaks reported they had posted 'Roommate Wanted' advertisements on Craig's List and Yackery had moved in. Shortly after Yackery moved in, the two victims reported being victims of identity theft and forgery.

On February 7, 2018, detectives located Yackery at a Starbucks in Thousand Oaks. A search of Yackery and her vehicle resulted in the discovery of stolen property, personal identifying information from additional possible victims, and a useable quantity of Cocaine. Detectives determined the stolen property was from previous roommates.

Yackery was subsequently arrested for identity theft, grand theft, forgery, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance. Yackery was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility on \$50,000 bail.

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Captain Bill Schierman

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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Attempt to Identify Shoplifter

2/12/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Attempt to Identify Shoplifter

Report Number: 18-22400

Location: Camarillo Premium Outlets

Date & Time: February 9, 2018 / 4:25 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police Department

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

S-1 Unknown Male

City of Residence

Unknown

Narrative:

On 02/09/18, an unidentified Hispanic male exited the Old Navy clothing store in the Camarillo Outlets, with unpaid merchandise. When an Old Navy Loss Prevention Officer attempted to confront the male, he ran away from the store with the stolen merchandise.

Camarillo Detectives are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect. Anyone who can identify him, or any of his accomplices, is asked to call Camarillo Detectives at (805) 388-5151.

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Captain Paris

Camarillo - Prescription Drug Collection

2/13/2018 4:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Prescription / Rx Collection @ Leisure Village

Report Number:

Location: 200 Leisure Village Drive, Camarillo, Ca

Date & Time: February 17, 2018 / 10:00AM ' 1:00PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit

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

On Saturday February 17, 2018, the Camarillo Police Department is partnering with Leisure Village Security to collect unused / expired prescription medication, from residents of the village. The Camarillo Police Department started its first prescription Rx collection at Leisure Village, in December of 2012. Knowing how difficult it is for some elderly residents to bring the unused / expired prescriptions to the drop off bin at the Police Station, the Camarillo Police Department has been bringing the collection to the residents.

Since 2012, a total of over 1,184 pounds of unused / expired prescription medication has been collected from Leisure Village. Based on the success of these collections, the Camarillo Police Department and Leisure Village Security have been conducting additional collections at least twice a year. The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind citizens that unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to overdose and abuse. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank the residents of Leisure Village and Leisure Village Security for their help in making our community a safer one. As a reminder, if you want to drop off unused / expired medications at the Camarillo Police Department or any other Sheriff sub-station, we have Pharmaceutical drop-off bins in all of our lobbies. The lobbies at each sub-station are open Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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Captain Jeremy Paris

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Thousand Oaks - Arrest of Panty Bandit Crew

2/13/2018 4:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Arrest of Mother/Daughter Team ' The Panty Bandit Crew

Report Number: 18-10840

Location: Victoria's Secret, 248 Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, Ca

Date & Time: 10/4/17; 11/1/17; 1/13/18; 1/20/18; 2/10/18; 2/11/18

Unit Responsible: Thousand Oaks Police Investigations Bureau

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
Partida, Melissa Susana (Daughter)	Los Angeles	19
Perez, Maria Karina (Mother)	Los Angeles	38
Juvenile	Los Angeles	15

Narrative:

Since October 4, 2017, Victoria's Secret stores have seen a steep increase in organized retail theft from their Oxnard and Thousand Oaks locations. In the last 4 months, they have been hit by theft crews on 5 separate occasions with a total loss of \$14,989.00. Each of the incidents were captured on surveillance video. In each case, three suspects would fill a baby stroller with stolen merchandise. Once filled, one suspect would distract the sales staff while the other two suspects pushed the stroller out of the store.

Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department worked with Victoria's Secret Loss Prevention and were able to identify two of the suspects as Maria Perez and her daughter Melissa Partida. Victoria's Secret Loss Prevention estimates the two are responsible for approximately \$250,000 in theft from their stores throughout California since 2016.

During the weekend of February, 10, 2018, Thousand Oaks Detectives learned Partida and Perez travelled to the Bay Area in Northern California and were committing similar crimes at Victoria's Secret stores and various other retailers. On February 11, 2018, detectives intercepted the suspects in Castaic, California as they were attempting to return home. Detective's located stolen property in the vehicle from Victoria's Secret and several other retailers. Partida, Perez, and a female juvenile were arrested for burglary. Detectives later reviewed surveillance footage from the Bay Area stores which showed the three suspects using the same tactic of loading a stroller with property then walking out without paying for the merchandise.

Partida and Perez were arrested for violations of Penal Code 459 ' Commercial Burglary, Penal Code Section 182(a)(1) ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. Partida was also arrested for two

violations of Penal Code Section 272(a)(1) ' Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. The juvenile was arrested for two violations of Penal Code Section 459 ' Commercial Burglary.

The investigation into this crew is ongoing by various agencies in California.

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Media Release Date: 8/4/17

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(805) 947-8255

Approved by: Captain Bill Schierman

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Thousand Oaks - Fatal Traffic Collision

2/13/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident: Traffic Collision Fatality
Report Number: 18-24015
Location: 3600 Block of E. Thousand Oaks Blvd
Date & Time: February 12, 2018, 5:00 pm
Unit Responsible: Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	City of Residence	Age
(D) Male Adult	Moorpark	24
(P) Female Adult	Thousand Oaks	26

On February 12, 2018, at about 5:00 pm, the Thousand Oaks Police Department and the Ventura County Fire Department responded to an injury Traffic Collision between a vehicle and a motorcycle at the intersection of Thousand Oaks Blvd and Marmon Avenue. The motorcyclist suffered serious injuries and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. He later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The male motorcyclist was traveling west on Thousand Oaks Blvd. when he collided with a sport utility vehicle traveling north, across the intersection attempting to enter the shopping center located in the 3600 block of east Thousand Oaks Blvd. The driver of the sport utility vehicle suffered minor injuries. The identity of the motorcyclist is pending notification of next of kin by the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office.

The collision is still under investigation by the Thousand Oaks Police Traffic Bureau. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department at (805) 494-8246.

Prepared by: Detective Timothy Lohman
Media Release Date: February 13, 2018
Media Follow-Up Contact: Detective Timothy Lohman (805) 947-8255
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Approved by: Captain Don Aguilar

Thousand Oaks - Pursuit Ends Crime Spree

2/13/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Pursuit Ends Thousand Oaks Crime Spree

Report Number: 18-112638, 18-10668

Location: Various Residences, Thousand Oaks Ca. 91360

Date & Time: January 24, 2018, and January 20, 2018

Unit Responsible: Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Patrol Services Investigations Bureau

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Morales, Billy	Los Angeles	24
(S) Evans, Jabari	Los Angeles	24
(V) 12 Adult Victims	Thousand Oaks	

Narrative:

Thousand Oaks patrol deputies captured a male suspect after a vehicle pursuit starting in the City of Thousand Oaks and ending in the City of Camarillo. Patrol deputies and investigators linked the suspect and an accomplice to crimes that occurred in Thousand Oaks on January 20 and January 24. The second male suspect was arrested a short time later in Los Angeles while he was in possession of an additional stolen vehicle and additional stolen property. In total, 2 suspects were arrested for 12 separate crimes committed in Thousand Oaks, 4 stolen vehicles were recovered (2 from Thousand Oaks, 2 from Los Angeles County), and a large quantity of stolen property was recovered and returned to the victims.

On January 24, 2018, at approximately 0300 hours, a Thousand Oaks patrol deputy was monitoring vehicle traffic in the area of Wendy Drive and Old Conejo Road in Thousand Oaks. The deputy observed two vehicles traveling at nearly twice the posted speed limit. As the deputy caught up to the vehicles, one vehicle had stopped and parked along the curb line. The other vehicle, driven by (A) Billy Morales, continued driving at a high rate of speed. Morales turned off his vehicle's lights and immediately accelerated at a high rate of speed. Morales continued driving at approximately 75 to 80 miles per hour while failing to stop at stop signs and at times driving in the center median. Morales entered the Northbound US 101 and reached speeds of approximately 100 and 125 miles per hour before exiting the freeway in Camarillo. Camarillo patrol deputies responded and Morales eventually surrendered in the area of Mission Oaks Boulevard and the US 101.

Morales was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura on charges of vehicle theft, evading, vehicle burglary, and vehicle tampering. In addition to the

local charges, Morales also had a felony warrant out of Los Angeles County for vehicle theft, evading, and possession of another's personal identifying information.

Thousand Oaks deputies quickly discovered the vehicle had been stolen minutes before Morales attempted to flee. Deputies responded to the Newbury Park area of Thousand Oaks where the vehicle had been stolen from. Deputies were able to determine a total of five thefts from vehicles had occurred in the immediate area of where the vehicle had been stolen. Based upon the information gathered during the investigation, deputies identified (A) Jabari Evans as the driver of the second vehicle seen prior to the pursuit and as the second suspect in the thefts. Additional information implicated the Morales and Evans in additional thefts from vehicles that had occurred during the early morning hours of January 20, 2018.

On January 26, 2018, Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau located Evans in Los Angeles while he was in possession of another vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Los Angeles County. Detectives searched the vehicle and located property which had been stolen from Thousand Oaks during the early morning hours of January 20 as well as January 24. Evans was arrested and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed two counts of vehicle theft, vehicle burglary, and grand theft (theft of over \$950) on Evans.

Using information discovered during the investigation, detectives were able to locate two additional stolen vehicles, both recovered in the Los Angeles area. The first was stolen from Thousand Oaks on January 20. Detectives recovered the vehicle and located additional stolen property and evidence linking Morales to the vehicle theft and additional thefts from vehicles. The second vehicle was stolen from the Los Angeles area and officers from the Los Angeles Police Department recovered the vehicle.

On February 13, 2018, Morales was supplementally booked for addition charges of vehicle theft, grand theft, and four counts of petty theft (theft of less than \$950).

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and to not keep items of value inside their vehicles. Please report any suspicious activity to Sheriff's Dispatch immediately.

Prepared by: Detective Jason Karol

Media Release Date: February 13, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Detective Tim Lohman
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Approved by: Captain Bill Schierman



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R.U.F.F. Program Graduation

2/14/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: R.U.F.F. Road Program Graduation and Adoption of the Dogs

Location: Detention Services Division -Todd Road Jail Facility
600 South Todd Road, Santa Paula

Date & Time: February 14, 2018

Narrative:

Inmates with the R.U.F.F. Road (Rehabilitation Utilizing Furry Friends) dog program at the Todd Road Jail Facility celebrated their completion of a 22-week program of Goal Oriented Therapy (GOT) dog training.

This training was joined by VIP Dog Teams, a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to provide dog-assisted therapy to facilities and individuals in our community. The program commenced on August 23, 2017 and was completed with a graduation ceremony and celebration of adoption on February 9, 2018.

The dogs were hand-selected from the Ventura County Animal Shelter. In naming the dogs, we felt we could honor deputies who gave their lives serving the residents of Ventura County. The dogs included, 'Chenko,' a poodle mix named after Deputy Eugene Kostiuhenko; 'Dianne,' a Maltese poodle mix, named after Senior Deputy Lisa Dianne Whitney; and 'Petey,' also a Maltese poodle mix, named after Deputy Peter Aguirre. 'Chenko' was adopted by Deputy Kostiuhenko's wife, who will be dedicating herself to using 'Chenko' to do therapy work.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office, VIP Dog Teams, and Ventura County Animal Services were honored to have the dogs named after our fallen deputies. These dogs will continue service to the community for those in need of dog-assisted therapy.

We would like to congratulate the inmates and everyone involved in making this program a success! Farewell 'Chenko,' 'Dianne,' and 'Petey.' Enjoy your new families. We thank you for your service!

Prepared by: Deputy Marciano Sabio

News Release Date: February 14, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Senior Deputy Shawn Pewsey (805) 933-6690
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Approved by: Captain Randy Downard

Moorpark - DUI Checkpoint Results

2/14/2018 11:30:00 AM

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

Location: City of Moorpark

Date & Time: February 10, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. ' 3:00 a.m.

Unit(s) Responsible: Moorpark Police- Traffic Bureau

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

(S) Hugo Caballeros

City of Residence

Moorpark

Age

35

Narrative:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 1 Arrest

Moorpark, CA ' The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on 2/10/18, on Tierra Rejada Rd. between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Moorpark 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.

The checkpoint results are:

- { 740 Vehicles Screened
- { 1 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- { 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- { 0 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- { 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- { 5 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- { 6 other vehicle code violation 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.

Moorpark PD will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint in the near future 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: Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko #2979

News Release Date: February 14, 2018

Media Follow-Up Senior Deputy Nolan Stoyko. (805)532-2711.

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Approved by: Captain John Reilly, Chief of Police.

Narcotics Sales Arrest

2/16/2018 12:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics Sales Arrest
Report Number: 17-191433
Location: 300 Block of San Clemente Street, City of Ventura
Date & Time: 12/14/2017 @ 5:45 PM
Unit(s) Responsible: Special Crimes Unit/West County Narcotics Street Team

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Douglas Middleton	Ventura	54

Narrative:

During the months of November and December 2017, detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation that led to the seizure of a large quantity of methamphetamine in the City of Ventura.

During the months of November and December 2017, detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation involving the sale of large quantities of methamphetamine. The methamphetamine was being distributed to various customers throughout Ventura County. Through the investigation, detectives identified Douglas Middleton, a City of Ventura resident, as the person responsible for the distribution of narcotics.

On December 14, 2017, detectives obtained a search warrant for Middleton's residence located in the 300 Block of San Clemente Street in the City of Ventura. During the warrant service, detectives seized approximately 6032 grams or about 13.3 pounds of methamphetamine. The methamphetamine seized is the equivalent of 60,000 doses and has an estimated street value of \$350,000.00. Detectives also located evidence linking Middleton to the narcotics as well as evidence indicative of narcotics sales. Middleton was not arrested at the time of the search warrant and detectives continued the investigation.

On February 14, 2018, detectives concluded the investigation involving Middleton. Detectives contacted Middleton in the 300 Block of Hurst Avenue in the City of Ventura. Detectives arrested Middleton and booked him at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for violation of Health and Safety Code section 11378-Possession for sale of a controlled substance. Middleton's bail was set at \$50,000 and he is awaiting court proceedings.

Prepared by: Detective Eduardo Malagon

News Release Date: February 16, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Detective Eduardo Malagon/805-383-8752
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Approved by: Captain Robert Thomas

Camarillo - Prescription Drug Collection Results

2/20/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Prescription / Rx Collection Results @ Leisure Village

Report Number:

Location: 200 Leisure Village Drive, Camarillo, Ca

Date & Time: February 17, 2018 / 10:00AM ' 1:00PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit

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

On Saturday February 17, 2018, the Camarillo Police Department partnered with Leisure Village Security to collect unused / expired prescription medication, from residents of the village. The collection time was from 10:00AM ' 1:00PM and 103 pounds of unused / expired medication was collected in just three hours. The Camarillo Police Department started its first prescription Rx collection at Leisure Village, in December of 2012.

Since 2012, a total of over 1,287 pounds of unused / expired prescription medication has been collected from Leisure Village. The Camarillo Police Department conducts these collections because we know how difficult it may be for some in our senior community to discard their unused medications at the Police Department. We are also aware that grandchildren can access medicine cabinets rather easily, so by bringing the collection to Leisure Village, we are trying to make it easier for the residents to discard their old or unused prescription medication.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank the residents of Leisure Village and Leisure Village Security for their help in making our community a safer one. As a reminder, if you want to drop off unused / expired medications at the Camarillo Police Department or any other Sheriff sub-station, we have Pharmaceutical drop-off bins in all of our lobbies. The lobbies at each sub-station are open Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

Prepared by: Sergeant John M. Franchi #2549

News Release Date: February 20, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Sergeant John M. Franchi @
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Approved by: Captain Jeremy Paris

Crime Statistics

2/21/2018 5:30:00 PM

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

Location: Countywide

Date & Time: 2/21/2018 @ 10:00 AM

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

Narrative:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has released its 2017 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) crime statistics for Part 1 crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft and Arson).

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

Overall, reported crime was up 1% compared to 2016, when combining all of the Sheriff's Office jurisdictions. However, certain crime Part 1 crimes showed a more significant increase, the rate of Robbery increased by 24% (23 additional victims), and Theft increased by 4% (116 additional victims). The largest decrease in a single category was in Aggravated Assault, down 9% (32 fewer victims), followed closely by Burglary, down 7% (56 fewer victims).

Theft related crimes (Burglary, Theft / Larceny) continue to be the most common type of crime reported in 2017, comprising over 72% of all the Part 1 crimes. We remind residents to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of theft by locking doors to their homes and vehicles, not to leave keys or key fobs in their vehicles, and not keeping valuables in their vehicles visible to people walking by. We also continue to encourage people to actively report suspicious and/or criminal activity immediately by calling 9-1-1. Non-emergency reports can be made through our Sheriff's Office Communication Center by calling (805) 654-9511.

For a copy of the full report go to http://www.vcsd.org/crime_stats.php.

For questions on specific patrol area crime statistics please contact:

Camarillo Police Department

Commander Dave Murray: 388-5102

Fillmore Police Department

Captain Dave Wareham: 524-2233

Moorpark Police Department

Captain John Reilly: 532-2705

Ojai Police Department

Captain James Fryhoff: 646-1418

Thousand Oaks Police Department

Commander Tim Hagel: 494-8265

Prepared by: Captain Garo Kuredjian

News Release 2/21/2018

Date:

Media Follow-Up Captain Garo Kuredjian
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Sergeant Eric Buschow
947-7673

(805)

Approved by: Assistant Sheriff Bill Ayub

Ventura - Narcotics / Weapons Arrests

2/22/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Narcotics / Weapons Arrests	
Report Number:	18-28811	
Location:	2300 Block of South Victoria Avenue, Ventura	
Date & Time:	February 21, 2018 1:30 p.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Sheriff's Office West County Street Narcotics Team	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(A) Robert Pech	Oxnard	47
(A) Joanna Reyes	Oxnard	38
(A) Anthony Duenas	Oxnard	36
Narrative:		
<p>On February 21, 2018, the West County Street Narcotics Team concluded a month long investigation into the narcotic activities of Robert Pech. With the assistance of patrol deputies from the Sheriff's Headquarters Station, Investigators and deputies contacted Robert Pech, Joanna Reyes, and Anthony Duenas in the parking lot of the Victoria Motel. Robert Pech was taken into custody for several local outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. Pech was also found to be in possession of a loaded, stolen handgun, a large amount of methamphetamine, and several grams of heroin, along with paraphernalia indicative of narcotic sales. A search warrant was later executed at a storage locker in the city of Oxnard registered to Pech. Six additional guns were seized from the storage locker including a modified AR 15 assault rifle, 2 shotguns, a modified sawed off shotgun, two handguns, one of which was stolen, and several hundred rounds of ammunition. Additionally a ballistic vest and several hundred prescription pills were also seized</p> <p>Joanna Reyes was arrested for possessing methamphetamine and narcotic paraphernalia. Anthony Duenas was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Reyes and Duenas were cited and released for their charges. Pech was booked into the Ventura County Sheriff's Pre-Trial Detention Facility where he is awaiting arraignment on numerous narcotic and weapons charges. Pech's bail was set at \$500,000 and his next scheduled court appearance is 2/23/2018 at 1300 hrs.</p>		
The West County Street Narcotics Team is comprised of narcotic detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Oxnard Police Department, and the Port Hueneme Police Department.		
Prepared by:	Sergeant Guy Moody - Ventura County Sheriff's Office	
Media Release Date:	February 22, 2018	
Follow-Up Contact:	Detective Craig Hennes craig.hennes@ventura.org	

Thousand Oaks - Graffiti at Westlake High School prompts law enforcement response

2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Graffiti at Westlake High School prompts law enforcement response
Location:	100 North Lakeview Canyon Road, Thousand Oaks 91362
Date & Time:	02/23/2018 @ 7:30 AM
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department
Narrative:	<p>On February 21, 2018, graffiti was discovered in a restroom which prompted officials at Westlake High School to contact the Thousand Oaks Police Department to investigate possible threats. A thorough investigation was conducted by detectives which determined that the threat was not credible.</p> <p>Out of an abundance of caution, given the current national climate, the police department deployed additional uniformed personnel at Westlake High School. We continue to work closely with school officials to ensure any perceived threat against a school is investigated thoroughly.</p> <p>As always, we encourage members of the community to contact law enforcement any time they observe suspicious activity.</p>
Prepared by:	Commander Tim Hagel
Media Release Date:	February 23 2018
Media Follow-Up Contact:	Captain Garo Kuredjian 805-797-6322 Sergeant Eric Buschow 805-947-8129

Arrest of attempted murder suspect

2/24/2018 8:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Arrest of attempted murder suspect

Report Number: 2018-30196

Location: 13100 block of East Millerton Road, Moorpark

Date & Time: 02/23/2018 at 3:52 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Moorpark Patrol and Investigations Bureau, East County Major Crimes Bureau, Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Directed Enforcement Unit

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

(S) Sean Curran

(V) Lance McLaughlin

(V) Tiffany Johnson

(V) Female juvenile

City of Residence

Simi Valley

Moorpark

Simi Valley

Narrative:

On February 23rd, 2018 at approximately 3:52 PM, patrol deputies from the Moorpark Sheriff's Station responded to a call of a shooting victim in the 13100 block of East Millerton Road. The victim, identified as Lance McLaughlin, was suffering from multiple, non-life threatening gunshot wounds. Deputies also learned of two additional victims, one of whom was a juvenile, who were not struck by gunfire.

Detectives from the Moorpark Investigations Bureau and the East County Major Crimes Bureau responded to the scene and learned that the shooting actually took place a few blocks away in the 4500 block of Vista Del Valle Drive. Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit assisted with the investigation, which led to identifying the suspect as Sean Curran. Both units were instrumental in both locating and arresting Curran, without incident.

Curran was charged with one count of 664/187(a) PC ' Attempted Murder, one count of 246 PC ' Shooting at an Occupied Vehicle, and one count of 273a(a) PC ' Felony Child Endangerment. He is being held at the Ventura County Main Jail in lieu of a \$1,000,000.00 bail.

Prepared by: Detective Sergeant Kevin Lynch

News Release Date: 02/24/2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Detective Sergeant Rob Yoos
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Approved by:

Captain John Reilly

Ventura / Vehicle Pursuit Suspect Arrested

2/25/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Vehicle Pursuit Suspect Arrested

Report Number: 18-31030

Location: Ventura Road at Sunkist Avenue, Port Hueneme

Date & Time: February 25, 2018 10:33 AM

Unit(s) Responsible: Headquarters Patrol Station, Tactical Negotiations Unit, Sheriff's K-9 Unit

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

Faberbrook, Ryan

City of Residence

Los Angeles

Narrative:

On February 25, 2018 at about 10:30 AM, the Ventura County Sheriff Communication Center received a report of a reckless/ possible drunk driver in the area of South Victoria Avenue and Kiddie Beach in the Silverstrand area of Oxnard. A responding patrol officer spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. A slow speed pursuit ensued for about 5 minutes traveling through the City of Port Hueneme. The driver stopped at the entrance gate to Naval Base Ventura County located at Ventura Road and Sunkist Avenue. The vehicle stopped outside the security gate of the base and never attempted to enter the Naval Base.

Over the next several hours, Sheriff's patrol deputies and negotiators from the Tactical Negotiation Unit attempted to speak with the driver of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle refused to respond to the deputies or comply with simple commands. At one point, the suspect removed a majority of his clothing and displayed other bizarre behaviors.

At about 2:00 PM, once all communication efforts had failed, Sheriff's Deputies used less than lethal weapons to safely arrest the driver. He was identified as Ryan Faberbrook from the Los Angeles area. He was treated at the scene by medical personnel for minor injuries received during the arrest.

It is unclear why Faberbrook fled from patrol deputies or refused to cooperate at the conclusion of the pursuit. Faberbrook was booked into Ventura County Jail for evading an officer and resisting arrest.

Prepared by: Sergeant Michael Harris

News Release Date: February 25, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact: Sergeant Michael Harris
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Approved by: Captain Todd Inglis

Camarillo / DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint

2/26/2018 6:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint

Report Number:

Location: City of Camarillo

Date & Time: 3/2/18 from 8:00p.m. ' 2:30a.m.

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

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

Narrative:

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend

Camarillo, CA ' The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on 3/2/18, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 8: p.m. to 2:30 am.

In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Camarillo Police 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 can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

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.

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.

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. Over the course of the past three years, Camarillo Police Department officers have investigated 168 DUI collisions which has claimed one life and resulted in another 52 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be

available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

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.

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

Prepared by: Sergeant Paul Richards

News Release Date: 2/26/18

Media Follow-Up Contact: Sergeant Paul Richards 805-388-5132
805-797-6398

Approved by: Captain Jeremy Paris

Narcotics / Weapons Arrest

2/27/2018 6:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics / Weapons Arrest
Report Number: 17-79112
Location: 800 Block of Paseo Ortega, Oxnard
Date & Time: Feb. 7th, 2018 1:30 p.m.
Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's Office West County Street Narcotics Team

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
(A) Angel Aguilar	Oxnard

Narrative:

On Feb, 7th, 2018, the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotic Team, with the assistance of the Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit concluded a two month investigation into the narcotic trafficking activities of Angel Aguilar.

Detectives detained and arrested Aguilar after he left his residence in Oxnard. Aguilar was found to have a loaded hand gun on his person and an ounce of heroin, along with paraphernalia indicative of narcotic sales in his vehicle. Detectives then executed a signed search warrant at his residence where an additional two plus pounds of methamphetamine was seized. Additionally, an AR 15 assault rifle, another hand gun, and two shot guns were also seized from the residence. Aguilar is a gang member, currently on parole, and a convicted felon who is prohibited from owning or possessing any type of firearm.

Aguilar is currently in custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Pre-Trial Detention Facility on numerous narcotic and weapon violations. His bail is set at \$500,000 and his next court appearance is scheduled for 03/09/2018 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom 12.

The West County Street Narcotics Team is comprised of narcotic detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Oxnard Police Department and the Port Hueneme Police Department.

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Camarillo - Non-Fatal Overdose Investigation Leads to Arrest

2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Non-Fatal overdose investigation leads to an arrest

Report Number:

18-5976

Location:

Camarillo

Date & Time:

February 28, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)

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

(S) Matthew Moreno Port Hueneme 18

Narrative:

During January 2018, the Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a non-fatal Alprazolam (Xanax) overdose in the City of Camarillo. The overdose victim was transported to Pleasant Valley Hospital for medical treatment. The victim survived the overdose.

A thorough investigation was initiated by the patrol deputy and the Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit was called to assist. The investigators were able to identify Matthew Moreno from the City of Port Hueneme as the suspect who sold the Alprazolam to the overdose victim.

On January 23

of the California Health and Safety Code ' sales of a controlled substance and an unrelated misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Moreno was interviewed and booked into custody at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

In February 2018, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The District Attorney's office elected to file 1 count of felony count of sales of a controlled substance Against Moreno.

The public may contact investigators from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit at (805) 383-8700 or

case, or any other information related to narcotics.

The Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is a task force made up of members from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Thousand Oaks Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Ventura Police Department, the Simi Valley Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Health Quality Investigation Unit of the California Division of Investigation. The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal

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Oak Park - Non-Fatal Overdose Investigation Leads to Arrest

2/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Non-Fatal overdose investigation leads to an arrest

Report Number:

16-113882

Location:

Oak Park

Date & Time:

February 28th, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)

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

(S) Joseph Pignatiello Los Angeles 28

Narrative:

During July 2016, the deputies assigned to the East County Patrol Station were dispatched to a non-fatal heroin overdose in Oak Park. The victim was transported to Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks for treatment. The victim survived the overdose.

A thorough investigation was initiated by the patrol deputies and the Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

was called to assist. The investigators were able to identify the suspect as Joseph Pignatiello from the Los Angeles area. Pignatiello sold the heroin to the victim.

On January 17th, 2018, Pignatiello was located in the City of Thousand Oaks and arrested for 11352(a) H&S ' sales of a controlled substance. Pignatiello was interviewed and booked into custody at the East Valley Jail.

On February 1st, 2018, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The District Attorney's office elected to file 1 felony count of sales of a controlled substance against Pignatiello.

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