

Fillmore - Driver in Fatal Traffic Collision Arrested for Murder

6/1/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Driver in Fatal Traffic Collision Arrested for Murder

Report Number:

18-84407

Location:

S/R 126 east of Mountain View

Date & Time:

May 31, 2018 @ 2:24 p.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Highway Patrol, Cal Trans, Ventura Police Department, Simi Valley

Police Department

Fillmore Police Department, Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, California

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

(S) Robles, Eduardo Fillmore 30

(V) Male adult Unknown 28

Narrative:

A Fillmore resident was arrested late Thursday for murder after investigators learned that the fatal traffic collision he caused resulted from an intentional act. Eduardo Robles was travelling westbound on S/R 126 in a gray Honda sedan Thursday afternoon when he intentionally accelerated his vehicle into the back of another passenger car. That car spun into the eastbound lanes and was struck by a tractor trailer. The driver of that vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the tractor trailer and Robles' passenger were injured in the collision and taken to a local hospital.

Robles was booked on one count of murder and one count of attempted murder, and is being held at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura in lieu of \$700,000 bail. S/R 126 was closed in both directions for several hours Thursday while detectives and traffic investigators examined the scene.

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Thousand Oaks - Homicide Suspect Arrested

6/1/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Thousand Oaks Homicide Suspect Arrested

Report Number:

18-82448

Location:

Megan Place, Thousand Oaks, CA

Date & Time:

May 28, 2018, 1:15 AM

Unit Responsible:

Major Crimes Bureau

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

(S) Bryn Spejcher Thousand Oaks 27

(V) Chad O'Melia Thousand Oaks 26

Narrative:

On May 31, 2018, sheriff's detectives arrested a 27-year-old Thousand Oaks woman for the Memorial Day homicide.

Bryn Spejcher was arrested at a local hospital for the stabbing death of Chad O'Melia. O'Melia died of multiple stab wounds sustained during an altercation in the early morning hours of Memorial Day. Spejcher and O'Melia had been involved in a dating relationship.

Spejcher has been hospitalized since the homicide to receive treatment for self-inflicted stab wounds. She is expected to be booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility later today on murder charges. Her bail is set at \$500,000. Spejcher is scheduled to appear in court for her arraignment on June 4, 2018.

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Captain Jeff Miller

Camarillo - Suspect Arrested for Firearms Possession and Impersonating a Peace Officer

6/2/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Illegal possession of firearms arrest

Report Number:

18-85006

Location:

700 block of East Camarillo Springs Road, Camarillo

Date & Time:

June 1st 2018 @ 4:00 PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Patrol Services

Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Detail / Camarillo

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

(S) Baird, Jacob Camarillo 41

Narrative:

Camarillo Patrol Services and the Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail arrested Jacob Baird for carrying a loaded concealed firearm and for impersonating a peace officer. A probation search at Baird's residence resulted in the seizure of additional firearms and ammunition.

On June 1

Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail responded to the 700 block of East Camarillo Springs Road on a call for service involving a suspicious person possibly carrying a gun. Deputies and detectives arrived at the location and made contact with a male subject, later identified as Jacob Baird. Deputies discovered Baird was carrying a loaded concealed handgun and that he was in possession of law enforcement identification that did not belong to him. During

the initial investigation, deputies confirmed Baird is not a law enforcement officer nor is he legally

permitted to carry a loaded concealed handgun. Baird is on probation out of Ventura County for theft, with search terms. Baird's probation terms included specific conditions prohibiting him from

possessing or owning firearms and ammunition. Baird was subsequently arrested for a violation of 25850(a) PC / carrying a loaded firearm.

Following Baird's arrest, members of the Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail conducted a probation search at his residence, located within the City of Camarillo. During the probation search, detectives located an additional eleven firearms, including two AR-15 rifles. In addition to

the firearms, approximately 3000 rounds of various types of ammunition and several high

capacity magazines were located. Per Baird's probation terms, all the weapons and ammunition were seized by detectives.

Baird was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility for violations of 25850(a) PC, 538d PC/ Impersonating a peace officer, and for violating his probation terms. Baird's bail was set at \$55,000 with a pending court date.

The Camarillo Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail is a five person plain clothes detail that conducts a variety of investigations of crimes occurring within the City of Camarillo. The goal of SED is to reduce property crime and violent crime through investigations and directed

enforcement. SED is responsible for conducting gang-related investigations, probation / parole searches, and they often work closely with Camarillo Police Department's detective bureau. SED also often works in conjunction with other Sheriff's units and outside agencies in a cooperative effort to reduce crime within our city. The Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Detail will continue to aggressively investigate any reports of suspected illegal weapons / firearms

possession. Anyone with information regarding illegal weapons possession is encouraged to contact the Camarillo Police Department at 805-388-5100.

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Captain Jeremy Paris

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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st 2018, at approximately 4:00 pm, Camarillo Patrol Deputies and members of the

Thousand Oaks - Traffic Awareness Reminder to Share the Road With Motorcycles and Bicycles

6/2/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

June Traffic Safety Awareness ' Share The Road

Location:

City of Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

Month of June 2018

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department-Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

Share The Road

The Thousand Oaks Police Department continues to promote traffic safety within the community.

In an effort to recognize certain hazards while driving, the Traffic Bureau is presenting 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 June is dedicated to 'Share The Road'.

Traffic collisions involving a motor vehicle with a motorcycle or bicycle occur at an alarming rate.

Sharing the road safety awareness is a two-way street. Automobile drivers need to be vigilant to look for motorcycles and bicycles, recognizing that they have all the same rights and privileges. But, they can be harder to see, behave differently, and are far more vulnerable to road hazards and impacts. Simple things like always using your turn signal, even if you don't see another vehicle around, and scrupulously checking mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes can potentially avert disaster

Following the lessons from a safety course will go a long way to reduce those dangers.

Situational awareness is key, as is simply staying visible. Generous following distances, brightcolored

clothing and DOT-compliant helmet, and an aversion to car blind spots will make a difference.

The small size of motorcycles and bicycles compared to other vehicles on the road means they can appear to be farther away than they are, and it's easy to misjudge their speed. The combination of congested roadways, distracted driving, and the difficulty of seeing motorcycles and bicycles in traffic has led to far too many preventable fatalities each year.

When driving a motor vehicle, here are some safety tips we recommend:

1.

Look twice for motorcycles and bicycles, especially at intersections.

2.
turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle or bicycle.

Always assume motorcycles and bicycles are closer than they appear to be, and avoid

3.

Use your turn signals and check your blind spot before changing lanes.

4.

Don't follow a motorcycle or bicycle too closely.

5.

Obey posted speed limits.

The Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau encourages all to please share the road with others. Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. Bicyclists are encouraged to be seen and be predictable while riding on the roadway. Likewise, it's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists and bicyclists such as size and visibility, and riding practices to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

For more information on sharing the road with others, please visit:

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/*1dmy&urile=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/pubs/hdbk/shr_slow_veh

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/share-road-pedestrians-bicyclists-and-motorcyclists>

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Capt. Don Aguilar. Riders need to likewise be mindful that they are indeed at risk.

Thousand Oaks - Coffee With the Chiefs

6/4/2018 1:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Thousand Oaks Police Department and Fire Department "Coffee with the Chiefs" Community Outreach Program
Location:	Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, 487 N. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks
Date & Time:	Monday, June 18, 2018 9:00 a.m. ' 11:00 a.m.
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department and Fire Department
Narrative:	
<p>On Monday, June 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., stop by and meet your Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel and Thousand Oaks Fire Chief John Spykerman at The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf at 487 North Moorpark Road.</p> <p>The police and fire chiefs invite you to share your concerns of your neighborhood, openly, over a free cup of coffee. Over the last four years these casual, spontaneous discussions between community members and the chiefs have led to numerous resolutions of community issues that would otherwise have not surfaced.</p> <p>The Thousand Oaks Police Department and Ventura County Fire Department view open lines of communication as an integral part of developing proactive partnerships with the community and working together on identifying, prioritizing and solving problems. This is also an opportunity to talk about personal safety, crime, and quality of life issues.</p>	
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Thousand Oaks - Firearms and Narcotics Arrests

6/4/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Illegal Firearm Transfer and Narcotics Arrests
Report Number:	18-84750, 18-84814
Location:	1000 block of Sheffield Place, Thousand Oaks
Date & Time:	06/01/2018 @ 08:30 A.M.
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Directed Enforcement Unit, Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Robert Rubio	Thousand Oaks	28
(S) Anel Rubio	Thousand Oaks	27
(S) Oliver Willis	Thousand Oaks	20
(S) Rita Ayuso	Thousand Oaks	25
(S) Liseth Ayala	Thousand Oaks	22
(S) Ashley Vargas	Thousand Oaks	31

Narrative:

On June 1, 2018, Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit concluded their investigation into the illegal transfer of firearms by Robert and Anel Rubio.

In January 2018, Detectives with the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit gained information that Robert Rubio was actively involved in illegal firearms activity, and shared this information with the Special Enforcement Unit.

The Special Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation and determined Robert was prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition. Detectives also determined that Robert had coordinated the illegal purchase of a firearm.

On June 1, 2018, Detectives with the Special Enforcement and Directed Enforcement Units located Robert in the 100 block of North Brent Street in the City of Ventura. A short time later, detectives from both units located Anel Rubio in the area of Janss Road and Dover Avenue in the City of Thousand Oaks. Detectives then served a search warrant at a residence associated with Robert and Anel, located in the 1000 block of Sheffield Place. Detectives located a loaded firearm and evidence linking Robert to the firearm. Robert Rubio was arrested for PC 27545 '

Unlawful Transfer of a Firearm, PC 29800(a)(1) ' Own/Control Firearm by Felon and PC 30305(a)(1) ' Felon in Possession of Ammunition. Robert was booked into the East Valley Jail, where his bail was set at \$50,000. Anel Rubio was arrested for PC 25135(b) ' Firearm in Residence with Prohibited Person. Anel was cited and released for the violation.

During the execution of the search warrant at the residence on Sheffield Place, Detectives contacted Oliver Willis, Rita Ayuso, Liseth Ayala and Ashley Vargas inside the residence. Detectives also located a small amount of heroin, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. All four subjects were arrested for narcotics related charges.

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Camarillo - Burglary suspect arrested

6/5/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Arrest of Burglary Suspect	
Report Number:	18-86313	
Location:	400 Block Skyway Drive, Camarillo	
Date & Time:	06-04-18/ 10:39 p.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Camarillo Police Department	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Joseph Samuel Mustin	Oxnard	40
Narrative:		
<p>Ventura County Sheriff's Deputies arrest suspect in Burglary of a Camarillo church.</p> <p>On 06-04-18, Camarillo patrol deputies responded to a burglary that just occurred in the 400 Block of Skyway Drive. Upon arrival, deputies learned a suspect was seen on surveillance video. The suspect entered the church and was then observed fleeing the area. The reporting party contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Communication Center and provided a description of the suspect and last known direction of travel.</p> <p>Camarillo Patrol deputies responded to the scene, set up a perimeter and contacted (S) Joseph Samuel Mustin a short distance away. During the preliminary investigation, deputies determined that Mustin was responsible for the burglary. As the investigation continued, Mustin was also found to be under the influence of a controlled substance as well as in possession of drug paraphernalia. Mustin was arrested for PC 459- Burglary, PC 466- Possession of Burglary Tools, HS 11550(a)- Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, and HS 11364- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mustin was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility where his custody and his bail is set at \$15,000.</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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Ojai - Explorers to host shred event

6/5/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Shred Event
Location:	Nordhoff High School Parking Lot, 1401 Maricopa Highway, Ojai
Date & Time:	June 16, 2018 / 9:00 am ' 12:00 pm
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ojai Police Department Explorer Post
Narrative:	
<p>Don't be a victim of Identity Theft!</p> <p>On Saturday, June 16, the Ojai Police and Sheriff Explorers along with Confidential Data Destruction Company (CDDC) will host a secure paper-shredding event at the Nordhoff High School parking lot, at 1401 Maricopa Highway, from 9 am until 12 noon.</p> <p>This event is open to all Ojai residents and businesses. Participants will enter the parking lot from Maricopa Highway and will be directed to the desired drop-off location. A \$5.00 donation (cash) per box would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the Ojai Sheriff and Police Explorer program.</p> <p>Discarding confidential personal information in your household trash is a risky practice that makes you susceptible to identity theft. Documents containing Social Security numbers and other identifying information, including credit card statements, applications, receipts, medical records, bank statements, tax and other legal documents should all be shredded. CDDC will shred documents with a per-customer maximum of 4 "banker boxes" (15"x12"x10") or 4 grocery bags of documents. Once the shred trucks are filled, the collection and event will STOP. Please remove all plastic folders, clips, or metal bindings before disposing your items.</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 training, and attend tactical competitions.</p>	
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Thousand Oaks - Woman arrested for battering sheriff's deputy

6/7/2018 8:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Woman arrested for battering sheriff's deputy

Report Number: 18-88004

Location: 100-block of Cindy Avenue, Newbury Park

Date & Time: June 7, 2018 @ 9:42 am

Unit Responsible: Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol

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

(S) Bond, Erin

City of Residence

Newbury Park

Age

26

Narrative:

A Newbury Park woman was arrested Thursday for battering a sheriff's deputy after she had called 911 for help. Two deputies met with Erin Bond in front of her house and tried to find out why she had called claiming there was an emergency. During the conversation, Bond complained about a recent dental procedure she had experienced and demanded the deputies take her to the dentist to get a new appointment or referral to a different dentist. The deputies explained to Bond that her complaint about her dentist was not a criminal matter, and that they could not take her to the dentist. After several minutes of conversation, the deputies told Bond they were leaving. Bond followed one of the deputies to his patrol vehicle and stood directly in front of it so he could not drive away. Both deputies tried to convince Bond to move out of the street and return to her house. She refused. The deputies told Bond that she would be arrested if she did not move away from the front of the vehicle. Bond refused to move and continued to block the vehicle. The deputies patiently warned Bond at least three times that she needed to move or she would be arrested. However, Bond refused to comply with the deputies and did not move. When the deputies approached Bond to arrest her, she punched one of the deputies twice in the face.

The deputies grabbed Bond and attempted to control her on the ground, but she continued to resist them by kicking and struggling. A deputy requested emergency assistance and held Bond until she could be safely handcuffed. Bond was taken to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura and booked for one count of battery on a peace officer. Neither Bond nor the deputies were injured during the incident.

A nearby resident recorded a short video of Bond being held on the sidewalk just before two additional deputies arrived to help with the arrest. That video captured a small portion of the aftermath of the incident. However, it did not depict Bond's actions that led to her arrest.

Body-worn camera footage recorded by the deputies showed Bond refusing to comply with their instructions and physically attacking the deputies when they attempted to arrest her.

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Nyeland Acres - Robbery Suspects Arrested

6/11/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Robbery Suspects Arrested

Report Number: 18-89478

Location: 2600 Block of Ventura Boulevard, Oxnard

Date & Time: 06/09/2018 @ 9:34 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Headquarters Patrol, Headquarters Investigations Unit, Major Crimes Bureau, Sheriff's Gang Unit.

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Francisco Cardenas	Oxnard, CA	21
(S) Peter Lozano	Oxnard, CA	18
(S) Erwin Marquez	Oxnard, CA	18
(V) Male	Camarillo, CA	20
(V) Female	Oxnard, CA	20
(V) Juvenile	Wilmington, CA	14

Narrative:

Three suspects were located and arrested after committing two armed robberies in the community of Nyeland Acres.

At approximately 9:34 PM on 06/09/2018, the Sheriff's Communication Center received a report of a robbery that had just occurred in the 2600 Block of Ventura Boulevard. Two victims reported that three suspects approached them and demanded property while one of the suspects brandished and fired a firearm. The suspects fled the area on foot after obtaining undisclosed property from the victims. The victims were not injured during the incident.

While deputies were attempting to locate the suspects, an unrelated juvenile notified a deputy that he too had been robbed at gunpoint. The victim described how one suspect approached him, demanded property, and brandished and fired a firearm. The suspect fled on foot with two other subjects after obtaining the victim's undisclosed property. The three subjects matched the description of the suspects from the previous robbery. The victim was not injured during the incident.

A short time later, a patrol deputy located three subjects who matched the description of the suspects from the robberies. The deputy was able to take Erwin Marquez into custody without incident, but Francisco Cardenas and Peter Lozano fled. Additional deputies quickly located Cardenas and Lozano and took them into custody.

A firearm and stolen property belonging to one of the victims was located at the scene. Marquez

was arrested for one felony count of robbery. Lozano was arrested for one felony count of robbery and one felony count of resisting arrest. Cardenas was arrested for two felony counts of robbery and one felony count of resisting arrest. All three suspects were booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and are scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on 06/12/2018.

Anyone with information related to these crimes is asked to contact Sergeant Ryan Clark of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau at (805) 384-4721.

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Simi Valley - Woman Arrested for Fraudulent Prescriptions

6/12/2018 3:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Fraudulent Prescription Arrest	
Report Number:	18-86939	
Location:	Ventura & Los Angeles Counties	
Date & Time:	June 5th, 2018	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Brenda Lepik	Granada Hills	55
Narrative:		
<p>On June 5th 2018, detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) concluded a three month fraudulent prescription investigation into Brenda Lepik.</p> <p>Detectives located and detained Lepik in Simi Valley as she was entering a local pharmacy in an attempt to pick up another fraudulent prescription for Tramadol. During this investigation detectives were able to determine Lepik had been fraudulently obtaining prescriptions for Tramadol since at least 2012. Lepik would call various pharmacies pretending to be a doctor or office staff and attempt to have a prescription for Tramadol filled over the phone. Once the prescription was filled, Lepik would then go pick it up. In a one year period from April 2017 through April 2018, Lepik obtained 5,190 fraudulent dosages of Tramadol. It was also determined Lepik was using insurance to pay for some of the fraudulent prescriptions.</p>		
<p>Lepik was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail facility for multiple counts of 4324(a) H&S ' forged prescription, 459 PC ' commercial burglary, 530.5 PC ' identity theft and 550(a)(1) pc ' insurance fraud.</p> <p>On June 7</p> <p>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 Simi Valley Police Department, and the Ventura Police Department. 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.</p> <p>The public may also anonymously use the email pharm.tip@ventura.org to report pharmaceutical related crimes involving prescription medications.</p> <p>th, 2018, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The District Attorney's office elected to file 38 total counts against Lepik. During Lepik's arraignment, she was released on her own recognizance.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Arson Fire at Elementary School

6/12/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Structure Fire ' Cypress Elementary School	
Report Number:	18-90053	
Location:	4200 W Kimber Drive, Newbury Park	
Date & Time:	June 11, 2018 - 7:09 AM	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department, Sheriff's Arson Unit, and Ventura County Fire Department Arson Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(V) Cypress Elementary School (S) Male Juvenile	Newbury Park	12
Narrative:		
<p>On June 11, 2018, at about 7:09 a.m., the Ventura County Fire Department received a call of a fire alarm sounding at Cypress Elementary School in the 4200 block of Kimber Drive in Thousand Oaks. Fire Department personnel responded and observed smoke coming from the roof of the auditorium. As the fire was being extinguished, and due to the suspicious nature of the fire, firefighters requested the assistance of deputies and school resource officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department as well as arson investigators. The fire was determined to be caused by arson. A male juvenile was later located and arrested for felony arson.</p> <p>Arson investigators with both the Ventura County Fire Department and Sheriff's Office responded to the location and conducted an investigation. A 6 foot by 6 foot section of the school auditorium roof was damaged by the fire. The total damage caused by the fire is estimated to be in excess of \$10,000.</p> <p>After further investigation, a male juvenile was identified as a suspect and was located. The juvenile was arrested and taken to the Thousand Oaks Patrol Station. The juvenile was released on a citation to a parent.</p>		
Anyone with information regarding this fire is encouraged to contact Detective Greg Delarosa at (805) 383-8743 or Ventura County Fire Department Investigator Christine Saqui at (805) 384-4774.		
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Thousand Oaks - Bicycle Shop Burglars Arrested

6/12/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Three Suspects Arrested in Connection with Burglary of Thousand Oaks Bicycle Shop	
Report Number:	18-87287	
Location:	Michael's Bicycles, 2257 Michael Drive, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	June 6, 2018 at approximately 5:25 AM	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / Moorpark Police Department Patrol/ East County Patrol Services Investigations Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Walters, Mark	Van Nuys	46
(S) Brown, Jason	Agua Dulce	22
(S) McClafferty, Michael	Seal Beach	48
(V) Michael's Bicycles	Thousand Oaks	
Narrative:		
<p>On June 6, 2018, at approximately 5:27 a.m., Thousand Oaks Police Department patrol deputies were dispatched to Michael's Bicycles located at 2257 Michael Drive in the city of Thousand Oaks for an audible burglary alarm. The owner of the business was able to remotely access the store's video surveillance system and observed three suspects inside the closed store.</p> <p>When deputies arrived at the store they conducted an initial investigation and learned that three suspects gained access to the store by breaking a front window. The three suspects stole six high value bicycles totaling an estimated value of \$30,000.00. The suspects then loaded the bicycles into a moving van. Two of the suspects drove off in the moving van and the third suspect drove off in a Ford sport utility vehicle bearing paper dealership plates.</p> <p>Ventura County Sheriff's dispatchers broadcasted a description of the two involved vehicles and the suspects. At about 5:50 a.m., a Moorpark Police Department patrol deputy observed the two involved vehicles driving eastbound on State Route 118 through the city of Simi Valley. The patrol deputy followed the two vehicles as they continued on State Route 118 eventually exiting at Topanga Canyon Road.</p>		

The moving van pulled into and stopped at a nearby mobile home park. The Ford SUV continued southbound on Topanga Canyon Road, out of sight. The driver and the passenger fled from the moving van and a short foot pursuit ensued. One of the occupants was taken into custody and identified as Van Nuys resident, Mark Walters. Walters was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for burglary. The passenger was not immediately located.

Thousand Oaks Police detectives took over the investigation and identified the other two suspects as Agua Dulce resident Jason Brown and Seal Beach resident Michael McClafferty. On June 8, 2018, Detectives located Jason Brown leaving a residence located in the 6000 block of Ranchito Lane in the Van Nuys area with an uninvolved male subject. Brown was arrested for the burglary and the male subject was detained. A probation search was conducted at the house Brown and the male subject were staying at.

As a result of the search, a useable amount of methamphetamine, heroin, a stolen firearm, and two stolen vehicles were all located. In addition, evidence of an illegal "chop shop" operation was uncovered at the location. Jason Brown was booked into the Ventura County Jail for burglary. The Los Angeles Police Department responded to the residence and conducted a follow up investigation regarding the gun, narcotics, stolen vehicles, and the chop shop. Their investigation is still ongoing.

On June 11, 2018, Detectives located Michael McClafferty in Culver City. McClafferty was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Ventura County Mail Jail for burglary.

All of the bicycles stolen in the burglary have been recovered and there are no outstanding suspects.

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Thousand Oaks - Juvenile Arrested for Arson at School

6/12/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Structure Fire ' Cypress Elementary School
Report Number:		18-90053
Location:		4200 W Kimber Drive, Newbury Park
Date & Time:		June 11, 2018 - 7:09 AM
Unit Responsible:		Thousand Oaks Police Department, Sheriff's Arson Unit, and Ventura County Fire Department Arson Unit
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(V) Cypress Elementary School (S) Male Juvenile	Newbury Park	12
Narrative:		
<p>On June 11, 2018, at about 7:09 a.m., the Ventura County Fire Department received a call of a fire alarm sounding at Cypress Elementary School in the 4200 block of Kimber Drive in Thousand Oaks. Fire Department personnel responded and observed smoke coming from the roof of the auditorium. As the fire was being extinguished, and due to the suspicious nature of the fire, firefighters requested the assistance of deputies and school resource officers from the Thousand Oaks Police Department as well as arson investigators. The fire was determined to be caused by arson. A male juvenile was later located and arrested for felony arson.</p> <p>Arson investigators with both the Ventura County Fire Department and Sheriff's Office responded to the location and conducted an investigation. A 6 foot by 6 foot section of the school auditorium roof was damaged by the fire. The total damage caused by the fire is estimated to be in excess of \$10,000.</p> <p>After further investigation, a male juvenile was identified as a suspect and was located. The juvenile was arrested and taken to the Thousand Oaks Patrol Station. The juvenile was released on a citation to a parent.</p>		
Anyone with information regarding this fire is encouraged to contact Detective Greg Delarosa at (805) 383-8743 or Ventura County Fire Department Investigator Christine Saqui at (805) 384-4774.		
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Thousand Oaks - Stalker Arrested in Front of Victim's Residence

6/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Stalker Arrested in Front of Victim's Residence
Report Number:	18-72854
Location:	300 Block of Los Padres Drive, Thousand Oaks
Date & Time:	June 7, 2018 at 11:28 AM
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / ECPS Investigations Bureau /Moorpark Police Investigations

(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Plancarte-Hernandez, Raul	North Hills	33
(V) Adult Female	Thousand Oaks	38

Narrative:

During the month of May, 2018, detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department began an investigation of Raul Plancarte-Hernandez stalking a female resident of Thousand Oaks. The investigation culminated with the arrest of Plancarte-Hernandez in the City of Thousand Oaks.

Detectives learned through their investigation that Plancarte-Hernandez and the victim were in a short dating relationship in 2016. The victim ended her relationship with Plancarte-Hernandez, after which she began to receive phone calls and text messages from Plancarte-Hernandez during all hours of the day and night. In an attempt to stop the Plancarte-Hernandez from Cyberstalking her, the victim "blocked" Plancarte-Hernandez' number but he was able to circumvent it by using various smart phone applications that allowed him to call and text the victim from different numbers.

Plancarte-Hernandez' Cyberstalking campaign consisted of calling the victim approximately 300 times and texting the victim approximately 4000 times in the last year and a half since their break up. Detectives also learned that Plancarte-Hernandez was able to "hack" into the victim's social media sites, Pay-Pal account, iCloud account, and cell phone account to make changes in the accounts. The victim, in an attempt to stop Plancarte-Hernandez, changed her cell phone number, email address, Apple ID and all electronic means of identifying herself. Plancarte-Hernandez was still able to contact her via cell phone and email.

In a further attempt to liberate herself from the stalking, the victim also moved from the city of Moorpark to the city of Thousand Oaks in an attempt to elude Plancarte-Hernandez but he was still able to locate her. Plancarte-Hernandez sent threatening text messages to the victim that included current events in the victims' life that Plancarte-Hernandez could have only known if he was nearby and watching the victim.

On June 7, 2018, at approximately 1128 hours, Thousand Oaks Police Department Detectives located Plancarte-Hernandez seated in a parked vehicle directly in front of the victim's residence on the 300 block of Los Padres Drive. Plancarte-Hernandez had parked the vehicle amongst other vehicles on the street and concealed himself in the vehicle by placing sunshades in the windows. Plancarte-Hernandez was actively stalking the victim and sending her unwanted text messages.

Plancarte-Hernandez was arrested for stalking, an active misdemeanor warrant, and booked into the Ventura County Jail. On June 12, 2018, Plancarte-Hernandez was arraigned in Ventura County Superior

Court on the stalking charge and was remanded to custody in lieu of bail in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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Thousand Oaks - Arrest Made in Connection With Overdose Death

6/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Arrest Related to Thousand Oaks Overdose Death	
Report Number:	18-63820	
Location:	1100 block White Cliff Road, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	05-22-18 @ 4:45 PM	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Major Crimes Bureau; Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit; East County Street Narcotics Team; Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(D) Lyndsay Binkowski	Thousand Oaks	26
(S) Robert Blackburn	Thousand Oaks	53
Narrative:		
<p>Sheriff's detectives arrest Thousand Oaks man in reference to overdose death.</p> <p>On 04-24-18, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was notified of a suspected drug overdose which occurred in the City of Thousand Oaks. Detectives learned that Lyndsay Binkowski, a 26- year old resident of Thousand Oaks, had been found unresponsive by family members at her residence. She was transported to Los Robles Hospital in critical condition. Hospital staff found Binkowski had fentanyl transdermal patches on her body. Binkowski was placed on life support but ultimately was not able to recover and was pronounced deceased on 04-25-18.</p> <p>Detectives with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau and Narcotics Bureau conducted a joint investigation into Binkowski's death and identified Robert Blackburn as a source of narcotics for Binkowski. During the month of May, detectives served a search warrant at Blackburn's residence, located in the 1100 block of White Cliff Road in Thousand Oaks. Detectives found approximately 100 grams of methamphetamine, fentanyl patches, and other prescription medication which were all believed to be possessed for the purpose of sales. Detectives also</p>		
<p>found an operable shotgun with live ammunition in Blackburn's residence. Additional evidence was obtained which showed Blackburn supplied controlled substances to Binkowski several days prior to her death.</p> <p>Blackburn was arrested and his case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for review. Numerous felony charges were filed against Blackburn including sales of a controlled substance and possession for sale of a controlled substance. Blackburn, who is a prior felon, was also charged with felony firearms violations related to the seized shotgun.</p> <p>Blackburn is currently in custody at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and his bail has been set at \$105,000.00. He is scheduled appear in Ventura County Superior Court next on 07-03-18.</p>		
Prepared by:	Sgt. Ron Chips	
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Arrests in Gang Related Robberies

6/15/2018 4:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Additional Arrests in Gang Related Robberies

Report Number(s): OPD: 18-8809, 18-22123, 18-22990, 18-23010, 18-23015
VCSO: 18-12508, 18-33298, 18-35983
VPD: 18-3050, 18-3258
SPPD: 18-0142

Location: Various locations within the County of Ventura

Date & Time: January through March, 2018

Agencies Responsible: Oxnard Police Department, Ventura Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Agustin Martinez	Oxnard	19
(S) Freddy Tavares	Oxnard	19
(S) Alex Mariscal	Oxnard	18
(S) Victor Garcia	Oxnard	18

Narrative:

Between January and March of 2018, at least 11 robberies occurred within the cities of Camarillo, Oxnard, Santa Paula and Ventura which investigators believed were related. During each robbery, suspect(s) used force or fear to rob victims of cash and/or property. The majority of the robberies involved at least one of the suspects being armed with a handgun.

During the month of January 2018, detectives from the Oxnard Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office began investigating a series of robberies from Little Caesar's Pizza establishments which took place in the cities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Santa Paula. In two of these robberies, suspects pointed handguns at employees and threatened them. No one was injured during these incidents.

In late February and early March 2018, additional robberies occurred within the cities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Ventura. During these robberies, firearms were used to threaten victims. During one incident in Oxnard, a victim sustained significant injuries which required medical attention after he was battered by one of the suspects. From investigative leads, detectives determined these crimes were related to the prior series of Little Caesar's Pizza robberies.

On March 5, 2018, officers from the Ventura Police Department responded to the McDonald's Restaurant located in the 4100 block of E. Main Street in Ventura reference a robbery involving

two suspects. Upon arrival, responding officers attempted to stop a possible suspect vehicle leaving the area. A vehicle pursuit ensued before the suspects stopped and fled on foot. Officers searched the area and located, and arrested, both robbery suspects, (S) Agustin Martinez and (S) Freddy Tavares. Both Martinez and Tavares were found to be in possession of evidence connecting them to several of the robberies. Detectives also determined Martinez and Tavares were members of a criminal street gang based out of the city of Oxnard.

During the months of March and April 2018, detectives from the Oxnard Police Department, Ventura Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office worked together to identify additional suspects. This resulted in the service of search warrants in five different locations within the city of Oxnard. (S) Alex Mariscal and (S) Victor Garcia were arrested after evidence was located which confirmed their participation in robberies with Martinez and/or Tavares, as well as their membership in the same criminal street gang. Four handguns were also seized, including one which was confirmed to be stolen.

Martinez is currently in custody on several felony counts of robbery with gang allegations and one felony count of evading a peace officer with a vehicle; his bail is set at \$250,000. Tavares is currently in custody on several felony counts of robbery with gang allegations; his bail is set at \$250,000. Mariscal is currently in custody on one felony count of robbery with a gang allegation; his bail is set at \$500,000. Garcia is currently in custody on two felony counts of robbery with gang allegations and one felony count of vandalism; his bail is set at \$250,000.

Prepared by: Detective Jarrod Foote

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Drug Manufacturing Lab Dismantled

6/16/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Drug Manufacturing Lab Dismantled

Report Number: 18-92179

Location: 100 block of West Avenida De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks

Date & Time: June 14, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)

Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA Impact)

Thousand Oaks Patrol

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

(S) Anthony Albert Thousand Oaks 22

Narrative:

On June 14th, 2018, Thousand Oaks patrol deputies responded to a call for service at an apartment complex in the 100 block of West Avenida De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Upon arrival on scene, deputies discovered what appeared to be a fentanyl manufacturing laboratory inside the apartment unit.

The deputies noticed numerous glass vials filled with unknown liquids and a variety of chemistry equipment including glass beakers and distillation devices. Once these items were located, the Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) responded to investigate. Narcotics Detectives confirmed a hazardous drug manufacturing lab was present. A search warrant for the residence was obtained. Nearby residents were contacted as a precaution and advised to either evacuate or shelter in place.

It is estimated the glass vials contained a total of 3 gallons of precursor chemicals to manufacture controlled substances. The type of chemicals and or controlled substances is pending testing by the Sheriff's Crime Lab.

A loaded shotgun was also seized from the apartment unit.

Based on the potential for injury or exposure to first responders and nearby residents, the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. Impact) Clandestine Laboratory Team was called in to assist. Once LA Impact personnel were on scene, they evaluated the situation and decided to methodically clear and remove all the potentially dangerous and unknown liquids from inside using specialized chemical suits and breathing equipment. The hazardous materials were removed from the apartment unit and were properly disposed of using a certified environmental destruction service.

Based on the findings inside the apartment unit, it was determined Albert was responsible for the drug manufacturing lab. Albert was arrested and was subsequently booked into the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail facility for 11379.6H&S ' Manufacturing a Controlled Substance. Albert posted bail and was released from custody pending his court appearance.

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 Simi Valley Police Department, and the Ventura Police Department. 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.

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Child Predator / Fugitive Arrested

6/19/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Child Predator / Fugitive Arrested

Report Number: RB #1999-57371, 1999-77883

Location: Severn, Maryland

Date & Time: June 7, 2018

Unit Responsible: Thousand Oaks Police Department Investigations Bureau Major Crimes - Sexual Assault Unit, Ventura County District Attorney's Office ' Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit, and Anne Arundel County Police Department in Maryland

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(A) Anaya, Julio Alberto	Severn, Maryland	47

Narrative:

A child predator has been arrested after fleeing the country while out on bail in April of 2000.

In December of 1999, Detectives with the City of Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau Major Crimes ' Sexual Assault Unit concluded a five month long investigation into allegations of A-Julio Anaya committing Lewd Acts Upon a Child under the age of 14 years. During the investigation it was discovered Anaya had molested 5 different female victims ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old.

In December of 1999, Julio Anaya was arrested for these crimes. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office reviewed the case and filed 15 felony counts of 288(a) PC ' Lewd Acts Upon a Child under the age of 14 years against Anaya. Anaya was held in custody at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility on \$250,000 bail.

In March of 2000, Julio Anaya appeared in court for his preliminary hearing and was held to answer on 5 felony counts of 288(a) PC ' Lewd Acts Upon a Child under the age of 14 years.

In April of 2000, Julio Anaya posted the \$250,000 bail and was released from custody. A month later, in May, Julio Anaya failed to appear in Ventura County Superior Court. The Ventura County Superior Court issued an Arrest Warrant for Julio Anaya in the amount of \$500,000.

In May of 2018, Detectives with the City of Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau Major Crimes ' Sexual Assault Unit received information that Julio Anaya had fled the country in April of 2000

and returned to his native country of El Salvador, but had returned to the United States several years ago and was now living in Maryland under a different name and date of birth.

Detectives conducted multiple database searches involving this case and learned the possible whereabouts of Julio Anaya.

On June 8, 2018, Detectives contacted the Anne Arundel County Police Department in Maryland and provided them with the information regarding fugitive Julio Anaya. The Anne Arundel County Police Department's Fugitive Apprehension Team conducted surveillance on a residence in Severn Maryland, positively identified Julio Anaya, and arrested Anaya for the Ventura County Warrant.

On June 18, 2018, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Detail flew out to Maryland and extradited Julio Anaya back to Ventura County where he was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Julio Anaya appeared in Ventura County Superior Court this morning and is now being held with no bail. Julio Anaya's next scheduled court date is July 3, 2018.

Prepared by: Sergeant Dan Hawes

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Camarillo - Vehicle Burglary Arrests

6/21/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Vehicle Burglary

Report Number: RB# 18-95069

Location: 900 block of Paseo Camarillo

Date & Time: June 20, 2018 at 7:30 am

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police Department, Camarillo Detective Bureau, Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Paul Ramos	Camarillo	28
(S) George Lindsay	Oxnard	31
(S) Anna Ramirez	Port Hueneme	25
(S) Alberto Herrera	Oxnard	29
(S) Samara Eaves	Oxnard	24

Narrative:

The Camarillo Police Department arrested (S) Paul Ramos and (S) George Lindsay for burglary, identity theft, and possession of burglary tools. Ramos and Lindsay were arrested after a theft from a vehicle was reported in the area of Paseo Camarillo. (S) Anna Ramirez, (S) Alberto Herrera, and (S) Samara Eaves, were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. All five suspects were booked into the Ventura County Jail.

On June 20, 2018, at about 7:30 am, the Camarillo Police Department responded to a vehicle theft in the 900 block of Paseo Camarillo. The victim's car window had been smashed and a backpack was stolen. The backpack contained the victim's cellular phone, driver's license, and credit cards. The victim was contacted by a deputy from the Camarillo Police Department, who began an investigation into the theft. The deputy was able to obtain evidence of possible credit card usage at a local business within the timeframe of the theft.

The deputy responded to the local business, and was able to identify (S) George Lindsay, and another male, later identified as (S) Paul Ramos, as being the users of the victim's stolen credit card. This information was then relayed to the Camarillo Detective Bureau and the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail, who continued the investigation. Based on the purchases made, detectives were able to locate key locations in the city where the suspects may be located. They also identified a possible vehicle. Detectives from the Camarillo Police Department began a search of these high probability locations.

At about 4:30 pm, the two suspects, and two additional people, were observed exiting a store in the Camarillo Outlets east shopping center. A fifth person was waiting in a nearby vehicle. The suspects were contacted by detectives in their parked vehicle. The suspects were found to be in possession of stolen items from the earlier theft. In addition, narcotics, and narcotics paraphernalia, were also located in the vehicle.

(S) George Lindsay was arrested for burglary, identity theft, possession of burglary tools, and receiving stolen property. His bail is set at \$60,000. (S) Paul Ramos was arrested for burglary, identity theft, possession of burglary tools, and receiving stolen property. His bail was set at \$50,000. (S) Alberto Herrera, (S) Anna Ramirez, and (S) Samara Eaves, who were passengers in the vehicle when it was stopped, were all arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. All five suspects were booked into the Ventura County Jail.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind the public to never leave anything of value inside your vehicle. Criminals can access even a locked vehicle in seconds. It is also important to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the Sheriff's Office. Information obtained through these calls for service, frequently leads to the apprehension of criminals involved in other illegal activities.

Anyone with information of other possible crimes is asked to call the Camarillo Detectives Tip line at (805) 388-5151.

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Fillmore Narcotics Arrest

6/21/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident: Fillmore Narcotics Arrest
Report Number: 18-94641 18-94740
Location: 1100 Block of El Paseo Street, Fillmore, California
Date & Time: 06/19/2018 @ 3:00 p.m.
Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Unit

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (A)rrestee</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
(A) Sonia Castillo	Fillmore

Narrative:

On 06/19/2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Narcotic's Street Team concluded a month long narcotic investigation into Fillmore resident Sonia Castillo who was involved in the sales of methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County. The West County Street Team was assisted by deputies from the Fillmore Police Department.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., detectives executed a narcotic search warrant at Castillo's residence located in the 1100 Block of El Paseo Street after Castillo had been arrested during a traffic stop for possessing methamphetamine for sales. During the search of the residence, detectives located and seized approximately 14 ounces of methamphetamine along with paraphernalia indicative of narcotics sales, and a large sum of cash deemed to be narcotic proceeds.

Castillo was booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for two counts of possessing methamphetamine for sales. Her bail was set at \$100,000 and her next scheduled court appearance is set for 6/21/18 at 1:30 pm.

The West County Street Narcotics Street 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: Detective Sergeant Guy Moody

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Fourth of July Illegal Fireworks Enforcement and Safety

6/21/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Fourth of July Illegal Fireworks Enforcement and Safety

Location: City of Fillmore

Date & Time: June 28th through July 5th

Unit(s) Responsible: Fillmore Police and Fire Departments

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Narrative:

The Fillmore Police and Fire Departments want to ensure the citizens of Fillmore enjoy a safe Fourth of July week. Citizens are reminded that Safe and Sane fireworks sold in Fillmore are legal in Fillmore between June 28th at 12 PM through July 5th at 12 PM.

The use of any non-approved fireworks that explode or launch into the air are illegal and will result in criminal charges and/or a \$1,000 fine. If you witness any illegal activity, please report it. Please call the Fillmore Police Department at 805-524-2233 to report illegal activity.

Below are several safety tips to ensure you and your family enjoy a safe Independence Day celebration.

- If you witness a crime or fire in progress involving illegal fireworks, call your local authorities by dialing 9-1-1.
- Only Safe and Sane fireworks bearing the seal of the State Fire Marshal are legal in the city of Fillmore. All other fireworks, including altered Safe and Sane fireworks and those that explode or leave the ground are illegal.
- Children should not play with fireworks. Fireworks are intended for use by adults in open spaces.
- Always have a bucket of water on hand to dispose of fireworks and a hose connected to water available in case of fire. Do not dispose of fireworks in trash containers.
- Fireworks, including sparklers and flares, can cause serious burns and can cause blast injuries that can permanently impair vision and hearing. Teach your children 'stop, drop and roll' in the event their clothing catches fire, and make sure they know how to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

Prepared by: Sergeant Kevin Vaden

News Release Date: June 21st, 2018

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Approved by: Captain Eric Tennessen

Juveniles Responsible for Fillmore Crime Spree

6/21/2018 10:30:00 AM

Nature of Incident: Three Fillmore Juveniles Arrested After Crime Spree

Report Number: 18-93525

Location: 700 Block of Third Street

Date & Time: 06/17/2018 at 5:27 AM

Unit(s) Responsible: Fillmore Police Department

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
Juvenile 1	Fillmore
Juvenile 2	Fillmore
Juvenile 3	Fillmore

Narrative:

Three Fillmore juveniles were arrested early Sunday morning after they stole a bicycle from a residence in the 700 block of Third Street in Fillmore. Additional investigation by Fillmore deputies and detectives revealed that two of the juveniles were also involved in a separate commercial burglary and an attempted commercial burglary that happened during the prior week.

On the morning of 6/13/18, Fillmore deputies responded to a commercial burglary at a business in the 400 block of Central Avenue. Deputies and detectives discovered that during overnight hours, unknown suspects broke a window at the business and made entry through the broken window, stealing cash and merchandise.

On the morning of 6/16/18, Fillmore deputies responded to an attempted commercial burglary at a business in the 1300 block of Ventura Street. Deputies and detectives discovered that during the overnight hours, unknown suspects broke a skylight to the business but were not successful making entry down into the business, so nothing was stolen.

Deputies and detectives obtained several leads in both of the commercial burglaries and were continuing with their investigation when, on the morning of 6/17/18, at approximately 5:30 AM, Fillmore deputies responded to a call of a theft of a bicycle in the 700 block of Third Street with three males running from the area. Deputies quickly responded to the area, located the three juveniles, and, following their investigation, arrested them for conspiracy to commit petty theft.

Deputies and detectives later identified two of the juveniles as the suspects who attempted to break into the business on Ventura Street the previous morning, and evidence found during subsequent probation searches linked the two juveniles to the crime. Additional evidence was

found that linked them to the commercial burglary that occurred on 6/13/18 at the business on Central Avenue. In addition to the arrests of the three juveniles for conspiracy to commit theft, two of the juveniles were also arrested for attempted burglary, burglary, and being in possession of stolen property. All three juveniles were lodged at Juvenile Hall.

Prepared by: Detective Danielle Delpit

News Release Date: 06/20/2018

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Approved by: Captain Eric Tennessen

Ojai- Woman Arrested for Arson

6/21/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Woman Arrested for Arson
Report Number: 18-95690
Location: 905 Country Club Drive, Ojai
Date & Time: June 21, 2018 @ 1:56 a.m.
Unit(s) Responsible: Ojai Police Department
Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit
Ventura County Fire Department Arson Unit

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(V) Ojai Valley Inn		
(S) Maria Christine Ramirez-Pichardo	Ojai	35

Narrative:

On June 21, 2018, a woman was arrested for arson after setting fires at the Ojai Valley Inn in the City of Ojai.

At about 1:56 a.m., the Ventura County Fire Department responded to a fire at the Ojai Valley Inn. Upon arrival, fire personnel found evidence of several fires around the property. Due to the suspicious nature of these fires, fire department personnel requested the assistance of deputies from the Ojai Police Department. Arson investigators from the Ventura County Fire Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit also responded to the scene.

Arson investigators conducted their investigation and found evidence of multiple fires that had been set in dry brush around the property, along with another inside a large maintenance/storage facility. Fortunately, the building's fire sprinklers kept the fire from getting out of control before fire department personnel could arrive and extinguish it. At this time, the total damage caused by these fires is estimated at over \$10,000.00.

The investigation determined that (S) Maria Christine Ramirez-Pichardo was responsible for setting the fires. Ramirez-Pichardo was arrested for one count of felony arson and booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility on \$55,000.00 bail. Ramirez-Pichardo is scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on June 25, 2018.

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South Coast - Carjacking / Robbery Investigation Leads to Four Arrests

6/22/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		Carjacking/Robbery Investigation Leads to Four Arrests	
Report Number(s):		RB # 18-93875	
Location:		Deer Creek Road, Unincorporated Area of Malibu, CA	
Date & Time:		June 18, 2018 @ 4:00 a.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:		Camarillo Police Department, Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit, Ventura Police Department	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age	
(V) Adult Male	Las Vegas	40	
(S) John Martin	Oxnard	23	
(S) Colin Moore	Oxnard	34	
(S) Adrienne Endevoets	Oxnard	36	
(S) Hortencia Espinoza	Oxnard	42	
Narrative:			
<p>On 06/18/2018, a carjacking and robbery occurred in the area of Deer Creek Road, north of Pacific Coast Highway, in the unincorporated area of Ventura County.</p> <p>At about 4:00 a.m., an adult male was ordered out of his vehicle at gunpoint by two male suspects. The suspects used force to take the victim's personal property and vehicle. The victim received minor injuries during the incident which were later treated at a local hospital.</p> <p>Deputies from the Camarillo Police Station and detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau responded to the area to conduct an investigation. Within a few hours, one suspect was identified as (S) John Martin.</p> <p>On 06/19/2018, detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau, and Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit located Martin in the City of Oxnard. Martin was contacted and detained. Evidence related to the incident was located in Martin's possession and he was arrested for one felony count of carjacking and one felony count of robbery.</p> <p>On 06/19/2018, the victim's vehicle was located by officers from the Ventura Police Department in the City of Ventura. Colin Moore was contacted in the driver's seat of the stolen vehicle.</p>			

Shortly thereafter, Moore was identified as the second suspect involved in the carjacking/robbery. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed additional evidence related to the incident and Colin Moore was arrested for one felony count of carjacking and one felony count of robbery.

On 06/19/2018, detectives from the Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 1900 block of Fisher Drive in Oxnard in an effort to locate additional evidence related to the robbery and carjacking. During the warrant service, detectives located evidence linking John Martin to the crime and over a half a pound of crystal methamphetamine. Adrienne Endevoets was contacted inside the residence and arrested for one felony count of possession for sale of a controlled substance.

On 06/20/2018, detectives from the Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 1100 block of South "K" Street in Oxnard in an effort to locate additional evidence related to the robbery/carjacking. During the warrant service, over one pound of crystal methamphetamine, over five ounces of tar heroin, and over ten grams of cocaine were found. Hortencia Espinoza was contacted inside the residence and arrested for two felony counts of possession for sale of controlled substances.

All four arrestees were booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Martin and Moore remain in custody while Endevoets and Espinoza have been released on bail bonds.

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Ojai Valley - Ventura Man Arrested for Sex Crimes at Lake Casitas

6/26/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Felony Sex Crimes Against a Minor	
Report Number:	RB# 18-85512	
Location:	Lake Casitas, CA	
Date & Time:	June 2nd of 2018 through June 7 th of 2018	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Lake Casitas Park Rangers, Ojai Patrol and Ojai Station Detectives	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Brian Hansen	Ventura	37
Narrative:		
<p>Lake Casitas Park Rangers and the Ojai Police Department partner up to remove a potential sexual predator from the streets of Ventura County.</p> <p>On 06/05/18, the Ojai Police Station was contacted by the Lake Casitas Park Rangers, because they were concerned from a note that was found in a restroom on the lake property. The note was addressed to any finder if they would be interested in having sexual intercourse in the lake's public restroom.</p> <p>During the investigation, the suspect sent four unsolicited sexually explicit pictures of himself via text message to a person he believed was a minor.</p> <p>The Ojai Valley Station detectives worked side by side with the Lake Casitas Park Rangers with conducting an operation, which eventually led up to the arrest of the suspect</p> <p>Thanks to the efforts of the Lake Casitas Park Rangers, a potential sexual predator was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Ojai Detectives are reaching out to the public to see if there is anyone with additional information of inappropriate sexual behavior from Brian Hansen.</p> <p>Brian Hansen for a felony violation of California Penal Code 288.2(a)(2) PC ' Harmful Matter Sent to a Minor, and California Penal Code 288.4(a)(1) PC ' Arranging a Meeting with a Minor for Lewd Purposes.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Robbery Suspect Arrested in San Bernardino County

6/26/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Robbery Suspect Arrested in San Bernardino	
Report Number:	18-78454	
Location:	2120 Newbury Road, Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	05/20/2018 @ 2018 Hours	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department	
	East County Sheriff's Investigations Bureau	

On May 20, 2018, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a report of a robbery that had j Road, Thousand Oaks. During the initial investigation, it was determined a store employee confronted a suspect as he approximately \$3500 in stolen merchandise. During the confrontation, the suspect told the employee, "If you're going a gun and shoot you." The suspect then got into a vehicle and fled the scene. Witnesses obtained the suspect's licens

Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department took over the investigation and identified the suspect as Brand Victorville area. The investigation revealed Magee had an active arrest warrant for robbery out of Riverside County.

On 05/23/2018, Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office located Magee in San Bernardino County and arrested him for the outstanding robbery warrant. During the arrest, Ma loaded semi-automatic handgun and the same clothing he wore during the commission of the Thousand Oaks CVS robbery. Magee was taken to the San Bernardino County Jail and was able to post \$50,000.00 bail for his release.

Based in part on evidence obtained during the warrant arrest, Thousand Oaks detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the CVS robbery. Detectives again located Magee in San Bernardino County and arrested him for the warrant. He was bo

the San Bernardino County Jail with \$100,000.00 bail. Magee posted bail and is set to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on August 23, 2018.

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Arrests in Cockfighting Operation

6/28/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Arrests in Cockfighting Operation
Report Number: 18-92477 & 18-99224
Location: 900 Block of Santa Ana Blvd, Oak View, CA
Date & Time: June 27, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.
Unit Responsible: Ojai Police Department
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau
Ventura County Animal Services

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (A)rrestee</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
(A) Pedro Robledo Cisneros	Oak View, CA
(A) Roberto Lopez Rodriguez	Oak View, CA
(A) Luis Felipe Santillan	Oak View, CA

Narrative:

On June 27, 2018, investigators from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, Ojai Police Department and Ventura County Animal Services executed a search warrant in the 900 block of Santa Ana Boulevard looking for evidence of a possible cockfighting operation. During the service of the warrant, detectives arrested three suspects and located nearly 200 roosters that had been prepared/trained for cockfighting, along with hundreds of additional hens and chicks. Detectives also located training supplies, cockfighting implements and controlled substances that were believed to be used for the purposes of cockfighting.

Cockfighting is a 'blood sport' in which two roosters specifically bred and trained for aggressiveness are placed 'beak to beak' in a small ring and encouraged to fight to the death. In natural settings, roosters may fight over territory or a mate, but these fights are usually brief and don't involve serious injury. In organized cockfights, the roosters' natural instincts are often times aggravated by using controlled substance, such as cocaine.

In the fighting ring, the roosters often wear long and sharp dagger-like attachments that transform their natural spurs into knives to inflict maximum injury. These blades are sharp enough to cause serious injury. A typical fight can last anywhere from a few seconds to 15 minutes. While the rules usually do not require one or both birds to die in order for a winner to be declared, death is often the outcome due to the severity of the injuries inflicted.

As a result of this investigation, Luis Santillan was arrested for one count of possessing roosters for cockfighting, one count of possession of cockfighting implements and one count of possessing narcotics for sales. He is scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on 06/29/2018.

Pedro Cisneros was arrested for one count of possessing roosters for cockfighting. Roberto Rodriguez was arrested for one count of possessing roosters for cockfighting and one count of possession of cockfighting implements. They were both booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility and are scheduled to appear in court on 08/24/2018.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office staffs an agricultural crimes detective within its Major Crimes Bureau. This detective investigates farm related crimes that occur in the unincorporated areas of the county. These crimes often include thefts of produce and farm equipment, and acts of animal cruelty. This detective can be reached at (805) 384-4726.

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Thousand Oaks - Traffic Awareness - Click It or Ticket

6/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident: July Traffic Safety Awareness ' Click it or Ticket
Location:

City of Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

Month of July 2018

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Department-Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

Click it or Ticket

The Thousand Oaks Police Department continues to promote traffic safety within the community. In an effort to recognize certain hazards while driving, the Traffic Bureau is continuing 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 July is dedicated to "Click it or Ticket".

It only takes two seconds to buckle up. Two seconds! And those two seconds could literally save your life. They will also keep you from getting a ticket and paying a fine. The national seatbelt use rate is at 87 percent, and in California it's over 97 percent, which is good, but we can do better. That still leaves over half a million drivers and passengers on California roadways unbuckled or kids not in safety seats.

There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their large vehicles will protect them more than other vehicles in crashes. But the numbers say otherwise. Sixty-three percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed were not buckled up. That's compared to 43 percent of passenger car occupants who were killed while not wearing their seat belts. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.

Buckling up is imperative to protect yourself and your passengers in a crash. It is extremely important to make sure all children riding in your car are properly secured before every trip. Thousands of children are injured or killed every year because their child passenger safety seats are not installed properly. Remember, most collisions occur within a mile of the home - so buckle your child in a safety seat for every trip, no matter how short.

When driving a motor vehicle, here are some seatbelt laws to remember:

27360 California Vehicle Code

(a) Except as provided in Section 27363, a parent, legal guardian, or driver who transports a child under eight years of age on a highway in a motor vehicle, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 27315, shall properly secure that child in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(b) Except as provided in Section 27363, a parent, legal guardian, or driver who transports a child under two years of age on a highway in a motor vehicle, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 27315, shall properly secure the child in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child

weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the child passenger restraint system.

27315 California Vehicle Code

(d) (1) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle on a highway unless that person and all passengers 16 years of age or over are properly restrained by a safety belt.

27360.5 California Vehicle Code

(a) A parent, legal guardian, or driver shall not transport on a highway in a motor vehicle, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 27315, a child or ward who is eight years of age or older, but less than 16 years of age, without properly securing that child or ward in an appropriate child passenger restraint system or safety belt meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The Thousand Oaks Traffic Bureau encourages everyone to wear a seat belt. So when you load up the family for a road trip, a trek across town or just driving to school or work, please do so safely '

For more information on safety belts and child restraint systems, please visit:

https://www.ots.ca.gov/Media_and_Research/Campaigns/CIOT/

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/seat-belts/click-it-or-ticket>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/click-it-or-ticket-seat-belts-save-lives>

www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/English/PUB269.pdf

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every trip, every time, day and night. Don't put your own life at risk, or the life of your family or friends. Buckle up.

Thousand Oaks man arrested for Fraud / Elder Abuse

6/28/2018 3:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Arrest in Investment Fraud/Elder Abuse Case

Report Number: 14-23445, 17-52386, 17-52475

Location: Thousand Oaks. California

Date & Time: June 23, 2018 @ 8:00 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit

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

(S) James Leroy Johnson

City of Residence

Thousand Oaks

Age

71

Narrative:

A lengthy investigation by Sheriff's Major Crimes detectives leads to the arrest of James Johnson for victimizing elderly investors in financial scam.

In early 2012, (S) James Johnson relocated to Ventura County, claiming to be a successful day trader and retired partner from a well-known and respected financial firm. Johnson opened a new investment company, First Light Trading LLC, and began soliciting investors. Johnson was able to get large sums of money from multiple victims by guaranteeing large returns over short periods of time.

Unfortunately, Johnson was not a successful day trader or investment expert. Instead, he had recently been paroled from state prison after serving a ten (10) year sentence for stealing more than a million dollars from investors in Orange County, CA.

During his time in Ventura County, Johnson is suspected of stealing in excess of one million dollars from multiple victims and using the money for his own personal enrichment. The investigation also revealed that Johnson often targeted single elderly women as victims.

On June 6, 2018, Johnson was arrested in Nevada and booked into the Clark County Jail. Johnson was then extradited to Ventura County on June 23, 2018 and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Johnson's bail has been set at \$1,000,000.00 and he is scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on July 6, 2018.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to use this opportunity to remind the public to be suspicious of promises that appear too good to be true. Suspects often target the elderly and non-investment savvy people with investment fraud scams that make false promises of making the victims' rich.

All investments are weighted with an amount of risk. When contemplating an investment, please consider the following:

- Beware of anyone offering an unrealistic high return on your money.
- Beware of anyone who offers to sell you 'a risk free investment.'
- Beware of anyone offering to 'help you out.'
- Research and weigh all risk factors before making an investment.
- Take time to discuss a potential investment opportunities with friends or family members prior to committing funds.
- Never let anyone pressure you into making a rushed decision about an investment.

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Camarillo - Traffic Safety - Independence Day

6/29/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

4th of July Celebrations

Location:

Ventura County

Date & Time:

6/28/18

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

HELP US SAVE LIVES THIS FOURTH OF JULY

'DUI DOESN'T JUST MEAN BOOZE'

Ventura County, CA'As celebrations associated with Independence Day'fireworks, backyard barbeques and pool parties'wind down, it's vital we all work together to spread this life-saving message:

Doesn't Just Mean Booze

remind you to plan for a safe week of festivities by not driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or drugs. Doing so ensures you will not put others, and yourself, in danger by driving impaired.

To help reduce the heavy hearts and nightmarish memories as a result of impaired drivers, during the week of the 4

Saturation Patrols & the Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting a DUI / Driver's License checkpoint on the evening of July 7, 2018. These enforcement operations are specifically designed to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment.

'We want our community to enjoy the Fourth of July holiday, but we want them to do so responsibly,' said Captain Jeremy Paris, Camarillo Police Department. 'This is not a joke, and it's not a time to test the laws. Alcohol or drug impaired driving is illegal, but it's also deadly. We're imploring you: Please ensure you have a sober driver lined up to get you home safely from your holiday festivities. Doing so could save a life.'

In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. During the 2017 four-day Fourth of July holiday in California, 17 people were killed and 430 injured in alcohol involved crashes. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office 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.

Prepare for the Fourth

If you will be drinking, plan how you will get around without driving. Remember these tips for a safe night

on the roads:

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Designate a sober driver or use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home safely.

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Use your community's sober ride program.

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Have a friend or family member who is about to drive buzzed or impaired' Take the keys away and

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Ψου χαν αλσο δο ψορ παρτ βψ πολυντερινγ το βε α δεσιγνατεδ σοβερ δριπερ! Τηρουγη ουρ ΔΔζΠΠ πρ ογραμ,

σελεχτ βαρσ ανδ ρεσταυραντσ αρε οφφερινγ νον-αλχοηολιχ σπεχιαλτη δρινκσ φορ σοβερ δριπερσ, αμ ονη οτηερ δεαλσ:

Report drunk drivers - call 911.

<http://bit.ly/OTSDDrinks>

The Costs of Drunk Driving

Drinking and driving is dangerous, even if you're 'just buzzed' or drug impaired. When you drive impaired, you risk the lives and safety of those riding with you and around you. You also risk a big hit on your wallet. A first time DUI arrest could cost you up to \$10,000 ' which includes attorney fees, fines, very high insurance rates, car towing, an alcohol/drug education treatment program and lost time at work, not to mention jail time, years on probation, the loss of your vehicle and driver's license.

A final statistic to remember: drunk-driving deaths are 100-percent preventable.

This enforcement effort is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Whether by bike, car, motorcycle or walking, be a part of the solution and 'Go Safely California.'

The next statewide DUI campaign is National Impaired Driving Mobilization, which runs August 17

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through the Labor Day Weekend.

To learn more about DDVIP and other OTS awareness, education and enforcement campaigns, visit

www.ots.ca.gov

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6/29/18

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Captain Jeremy Paris, as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages: <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOTS/DUI>. This Independence Day holiday, The Ventura County Sheriff's Office wants toh of July, the Camarillo Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI

Countywide - Fireworks Safety Reminder

6/29/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Fireworks Safety Reminder

Date & Time:

Independence Day 2018

Narrative:

As people throughout the county celebrate the Independence Day holiday in the coming week, the sheriff's office would like to remind residents and visitors to the area that all fireworks are illegal to possess or use throughout Ventura County. The exception is in the city of Fillmore, which allows only designated 'Safe and Sane' fireworks to be purchased and used within the city limits.

With the dry conditions and recent impacts from wildfires, the use of fireworks poses an extreme fire danger in our communities. Deputies will be actively enforcing laws pertaining to the possession or use of illegal fireworks. Depending on the type or amount of fireworks, violators could be subject to citation or arrest.

Another problem that occurs on Independence Day is the use of firearms for celebratory purposes. The discharge of any firearm or BB device in a grossly negligent manner is a misdemeanor in the state of California and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year.

The best way to enjoy fireworks and other local festivities is to attend one of the many organized community events listed here:

<https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2018/06/28/where-see-4th-july-fireworks-venturacounty-fireworks-near-me/742217002/>

Residents can report firework violations in sheriff's jurisdictions by calling our communications center at (805)654-9511, or 9-1-1 in an emergency situation.

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Thousand Oaks - Overdose Investigation / Narcotics Arrest

6/29/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Overdose Investigation / Narcotics Arrest

Report Number:

18-98887

Location:

Thousand Oaks / Woodland Hills

Date & Time:

June 30th, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

East County Street Narcotics Team (ECST)

Thousand Oaks Patrol

Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)

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

(S) Colby Figueroa

Woodland Hills

26

Narrative:

On May 27th, 2018, Thousand Oaks Patrol responded to a residence in Thousand Oaks reference a deceased person. The initial investigation determined this death was the result of a heroin overdose. The Ventura County Sheriff's Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) was called in to assist and eventually identified a potential suspect as Colby Figueroa.

On June 26th 2018, detectives from the PCU assisted by the East County Street Narcotics Team (ECST) concluded this month long narcotic investigation into Colby Figueroa. The investigation revealed Figueroa was involved in the sales of heroin and methamphetamine to residents of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Some of the heroin sold by Figueroa made its way to Thousand Oaks, including the heroin later consumed by the victim which caused his death. Detectives conducted multiple surveillances near Figueroa's residence and observed numerous narcotic related transactions between Figueroa and unknown customers. During one of these suspected narcotic transactions, Figueroa was detained and later arrested. A search of Figueroa incident to his arrest and a probation search of his residence were conducted. During these searches detectives were able to seize approximately 1/2 an ounce of heroin and smaller amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine and Alprazolam. In addition to the controlled substances located, a large sum of U.S. currency deemed to be proceeds of narcotic sales was seized. Figueroa was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail facility for 11351(a) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance and 11352(a) H&S ' Sales of a controlled substance.

On June 28

District Attorney's office elected to file one count of 11351 H&S and one count of 11352(a) H&S.

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 Simi Valley Police Department, and the Ventura Police Department. 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, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The

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