

**Thousand Oaks - Husband and Wife Arrested for Organized Retail Theft**

5/1/2018 6:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Husband and Wife Arrested for Organized Retail Theft**

**Report Number:**

**18-56932**

**Location:**

**2600 Block of Lander Court, Thousand Oaks**

**Date & Time:**

**April 26, 2018 at 0800 hours**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / ECPS Investigations Bureau**

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

(S) Elizabeth Hooper

(S) David Hooper

(V) Target

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks

Ventura County /

Los Angeles County

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**Narrative:**

During the Month of April 2018, Detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department began an investigation of a husband and wife who were working together to commit numerous thefts from various Target department stores. The husband was identified as local musician, David Hooper. The wife was identified as Dr. Elizabeth Hooper who works as a pediatrician in Los Angeles.

Detectives worked closely with Target loss prevention officers and gathered evidence of the Hooper's organized retail theft dating back to January of 2018. The Hooper's completed the thefts by fraudulently manufacturing bar codes and affixing them to items of greater value. The Hooper's would then use the 'self-checkout' lanes to surreptitiously pay for the items with the fraudulent bar codes. Target estimated the Hooper's stole approximately \$2,396.00 worth of merchandise from Target stores located in Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, and Woodland Hills.

On April 26, 2018, detectives served a search warrant at the Hooper's residence located in the 2600 block of Lander Court in the City of Thousand Oaks. As a result of the search warrant, detectives located evidence of the fraudulent bar code manufacturing as well as several items of

stolen Target merchandise. Elizabeth Hooper was at home during the service of the search warrant and was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail without incident for PC 487(a) / Grand Theft and PC 182(a)(1) / Conspiracy. Her Bail was set at \$20,000.00. David Hooper was not in the state at the time of the search warrant service.

On April 30, 2018, David Hooper met with detectives at the Thousand Oaks Police station regarding the investigation. Hooper was arrested and booked into the East County Jail without incident for PC 487(a) / Grand Theft and PC 182(a)(1) / Conspiracy. His bail was set at \$20,000.00.

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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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**Thousand Oaks - Tobacco Products Sting Operation**

5/1/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Tobacco Products Decoy Sting Operation**

Report Number:

N/A

Location:

**Various Retail Locations - City of Thousand Oaks**

Date & Time:

4/27/2018 @ 5:00 PM

Unit Responsible:

and Ventura County Public Health

**Thousand Oaks Police Department's Directed Enforcement Unit (DEU)**

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

(S) Peter Pickett Simi Valley 24

(S) Claudio Selame Newbury Park 30

(S) Eivan Younan Granada Hills 33

(S) Ramon Jimenez Simi Valley 25

Narrative:

On April 27, 2018, members of the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Directed Enforcement Unit with the assistance of Ventura County Public Health conducted a tobacco product sting, using an underage decoy, in an attempt to purchase tobacco products at retail establishments in the city of Thousand Oaks. The goal of this operation was to limit access of tobacco products to underage person(s), and confirm the local businesses are operating within the law. Four cashiers were arrested and released on misdemeanor citations for selling tobacco to persons under the age of 21.

The underage decoy attempted to make purchases of tobacco products at 12 locations throughout the City that are commonly referred to as 'smoke shops.' Cashiers at four of the establishments sold tobacco products to the underage decoy. The other eight turned the decoy away without selling any tobacco products.

In an ongoing effort to prevent access to certain products by teens, the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Directed Enforcement Unit will continue to conduct periodic sting operations dealing with tobacco products to confirm retailers in the area are doing their part to prevent access of tobacco products to underage person(s).

All of the suspects that sold tobacco products to the underage decoy were arrested for Penal Code section 308(a)(1). The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank the other eight businesses that did not sell tobacco products to the underage decoy.

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**Camarillo - DUI Awareness Cinco de Mayo**

5/2/2018 2:00:00 PM

SHERIFF

COMMANDER DAVE MURRAY <b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
<b>Location:</b>	City of Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	5/2/18
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

**Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Responsibly**

***Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving***

*Ventura County, CA 'In the United States, the Cinco de Mayo holiday is often associated with parties and alcohol. If you're celebrating with friends and family this weekend, remember that at the end of the night, you need to have a safe and sober ride home. Police, Sheriff, and the CHP will be out in force looking for the telltale sign of impaired driving this weekend.*

*In the rush to prepare for a night out, it's easy to forget the most important Cinco de Mayo plan of all: designating a sober driver. Some may think they can play it by ear and wait until after the party has started to decide whether they're "okay to drive." By this point, it's too late. Going out for a night of drinking without a plan for getting home safely is a recipe for disaster.*

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

***Remember:***

***Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving, and when you drive impaired, you run the risk of killing yourself or someone else. You will be looking at jail time, the loss of your driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car or motorcycle towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work. The average DUI costs about \$10,000. Wouldn't you rather pay for a ride home'***

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

Drunk driving is claiming too many lives. On average in 2016, someone was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 50 minutes. On Cinco de Mayo weekend, that equaled 51 lives lost in drunk-driving crashes in the nation. So, if you choose to drink this Cinco de Mayo, make sure you have a designated sober driver or have arranged another safe way home. Decide today that you won't ever drive after drinking or impaired by drugs. If you know someone who is about to drive buzzed or 'high', step in and help. Take their keys and help them make arrangements to get home safely.

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, and remember - Report Drunk Drivers - call 911.

The next statewide DUI campaign is set for Independence Day.

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**Thousand Oaks - Motorcycle Traffic Safety Awareness**

5/2/2018 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident: May Traffic Safety Awareness ' Motorcycle Safety  
Location:**

**City of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, and Moorpark**

**Date & Time:**

**Month of May, 2018**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Police and Camarillo Police-Traffic Units**

**Narrative:**

**Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**

Ventura County, CA' In order to reduce motorcycle crashes and save lives, The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) are teaming up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) this May for the annual Motorcycle Safety Awareness campaign to help save lives on our roadways. The awareness campaign aims to educate vehicle drivers and motorcyclists on how each motorist can be more aware of the other, creating safer roads and saving lives in the process.

The Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks Police Departments will join law enforcement throughout the state to step up enforcement along with awareness efforts to lower motorcycle deaths and injuries during the May campaign. Officers will have a special emphasis this month on enforcing all traffic violations by both drivers and motorcyclists.

According to NHTSA, motorcyclists accounted for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2015, while motorcycles make up just 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States. In 2016, 5,286 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes ' a 6 percent increase from the 4,976 killed in 2015. More than 88,000 motorcyclists were injured in motor vehicle crashes.

Recent data from the California Department of Motor Vehicles shows there are more than 900,000 registered motorcycles in the state and more than 1.4 million licensed riders. In 2016, 560 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in California' an 11 percent increase from the 494 killed in 2015. More than 14,400 motorcyclists were injured in motor vehicle crashes.

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One of the main reasons motorcyclists are killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection in a crash. Unlike a car, a motorcycle is difficult to see. Other motorists may be distracted by a cell phone or something else and may never see a motorcycle as they are pulling onto a roadway. A recent study shows roughly 80% of motorcycle collisions result in injury or death compared to that of an automobile which is around 20%. You are more protected in a car with air bags than you are riding a motorcycle. However, let's not forget a motorcycle has better maneuverability, ability to stop quickly, and swerve quickly when necessary.

If you choose to ride a motorcycle, here are some safety tips we recommend:

1. A motorcyclist should attend a motorcycle rider-training course to learn how to safely operate a motorcycle. A motorcyclist has to be more careful and aware at intersections, where most motorcycle collisions occur.

2. Never ride a motorcycle without wearing a helmet. Choose a helmet that has a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) label on it. This is the most important piece of equipment. Safety helmets save lives by reducing the extent of head injuries in the event of a crash. Many good helmets are available. Make sure it fits comfortably and snugly, and is fastened for the ride
3. Wear the right shoes, gloves and clothing. Thick protective clothing not only provides comfort against the elements, but also may be all there is between you and the pavement in a crash.
4. Drive defensively. Be especially alert at intersections because as discussed earlier, this is where a majority of motorcycle collisions occur. Check the rearview mirrors before changing lanes or stopping. A quick stop without checking rear traffic may result in a rear-end crash. When changing lanes, use signals and make a visual check to assure that you can change lanes safely.
5. Maintain a safe speed consistent with driving conditions and
6. Use brakes wisely. Use both brakes together. Brake firmly and progressively and bring the motorcycle upright before stopping. Remember that driving through water can adversely affect the brakes.

The Thousand Oaks Police and Camarillo Police Traffic Units want motorcycle riders to enjoy their ride but please do so responsibly. Experienced motorcyclists often have this advice for new riders: "Assume that you are invisible to other motorists and operate your motorcycle accordingly." Position yourself to be seen. Ride in the portion of the lane where it is most likely that you will be seen by other motorists. Avoid the car's "No Zone" (i.e., blind spot). Use your headlights, day and night. All motor vehicles have blind spots where other vehicles cannot be seen with mirrors.

For more information on motorcycle safety please visit:

**your capabilities. Gravel on the road and slippery road surfaces can be hazardous. Avoid sudden braking or turning. Remember speed kills. Page | 3**

<https://one.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/motosafety.html>

<https://msf-usa.org/>

<https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2013/04/10-motorcycle-safety-tips-for-new-riders/index.htm>

[https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/\\*1dmy&urile=wcm:path:/dmv\\_content\\_en/dmv/about/2011mc\\_safety](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/*1dmy&urile=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/about/2011mc_safety)

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**Captain Don Aguilar**

**Countywide - Sheriff's Gang Unit Conducts Supervised Release Sweeps**

5/3/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Supervised Release Sweeps
<b>Location:</b>	Ventura County
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 2018
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) - Parole Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision (PROS) Unit Sheriff's Gang Unit
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>During the month of April 2018, Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives with the assistance of CDCR and the Sheriff's PROS unit, conducted several directed enforcement operations throughout the county targeting various persons who were under supervised release including those on High Risk Parole, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), and Serious Habitual Offenders on probation.</p> <p>The sweeps resulted in 45 arrests with more than half being for felony related crimes. Several items were seized including over 9 pounds of marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, illegal pharmaceutical pills, a firearm, thousands of rounds of ammunition, a stolen vehicle, identity theft/fraud victim paperwork, and large sums of money believed to be derived from narcotic sales.</p>	
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Todd Inglis

**Countywide - Supervised Release Arrests**

5/4/2018 5:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Supervised Release Arrests**

**Location:**

**Ventura County, CA**

**Date & Time:**

**April 2018**

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

(CDCR) - Parole

Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision (PROS) Unit

Sheriff's Gang Unit

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

**Narrative:**

During the month of April 2018, Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives with the assistance of the California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision Unit (PROS), conducted several directed enforcement operations throughout the county

targeting various persons who were under supervised release including those on High Risk Parole,

Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), and Serious Habitual Offenders on probation.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is responsible for the operation

of the California state prison and parole systems.

all parolees during their entry back into society.

(PROS) unit was created following the state realignment legislation. PROS supervises individuals

who have recently been released from prison and fall under the supervision of county probation rather than state parole.

The sweeps that occurred in the month of April resulted in 45 arrests with more than half being for

felony related crimes. Below are several subjects who were arrested throughout the county during the

sweep.

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

(S) Romo, Omar Oxnard 29

(S) Acosta, Tyler Ojai 26

(S) Malmquist, Jed Ventura 45

**(S) Naumann, David Oak Park 33**

**(S) Mora, Jesse Simi Valley/Fillmore 27**

**(S) Palazuelos, Rafael Oxnard 36**

**(S) Raya, Anna Oxnard 32**

**(S) Anaya, Mark Santa Paula 20**

**(S) Sapien, Frank Santa Paula 41**

**Prepared by:**

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**Captain Todd Inglis**

**CDCR operates all state institutions and monitors The Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision**

**Countywide - Sheriff's Gang Unit Conducts Supervised Release Sweeps**

5/3/2018 12:00:00 PM

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<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 2018
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) - Parole Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision (PROS) Unit Sheriff's Gang Unit
<b>Narrative:</b>	
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**Moorpark - Residential Burglary Suspect Arrested**

5/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Residential Burglar Arrested	
<b>Report Number:</b>	RB# 180070537	
<b>Location:</b>	2800 Block of Los Fresnos Circle, Camarillo	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 6, 2018 @ 9:45 PM	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Moorpark Patrol, Camarillo Patrol, Moorpark Investigations, Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Travis Gandy	Camarillo	34
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On the night of May 6, 2018, a resident in the 2800 block of Los Fresnos Circle in the Santa Rosa Valley came face to face with a burglar inside her home. The burglar made entry to the victims' residence through an open garage door. When the burglar was confronted by the victim, he ran from the residence. The victim immediately reported this crime to Sheriff's Dispatch.</p> <p>Ventura County Sheriff's Deputies from the Moorpark Station responded to the burglary and contacted the victim. The victim was able to provide deputies with a detailed description of the suspect. Based on the description, deputies were able to identify the suspect as Travis Gandy.</p> <p>While this crime was being investigated, victims from another location on Los Fresnos Circle reported a theft from their vehicles. A significant loss was reported from these additional victims. Fortunately, this victim's residence was equipped with video surveillance cameras, which were valuable in connecting Travis Gandy to this crime.</p> <p>An attempt to contact Gandy at his residence was made; however, Gandy ignored all of law enforcements attempts to make contact and barricaded himself inside his residence. Sheriff's detectives from the Moorpark Station responded to assist with this investigation. Sheriff's deputies remained on scene for several hours, until a warrant could be obtained for Gandy's arrest and a search of the residence.</p> <p>Detectives served the search warrant during the early morning hours of May 7, 2018. Stolen property from the listed crimes was recovered as a result of the search and Gandy was arrested</p>		
for the following violations: 459 PC / Residential Burglary 487(a) PC / Grand theft from a vehicle 484(a) PC / Petty theft from a vehicle 148(a)(1) PC / Resist, obstruct or delay an investigation		
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**Oxnard - Four Men Arrested with Narcotics, Weapons, and Explosives**

5/9/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Narcotics / Firearms Arrests	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-67764 & 18-67766	
<b>Location:</b>	200 block of East Rose Street, Oxnard 200 block of East Ashton Street, Oxnard	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 3rd, 2018	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) Ventura County Combined Agency Team (VCAT) Oxnard Police Department	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Joseph Keifer	Oxnard	22
(S) Estevan Gutierrez	Oxnard	22
(S) Armando Silvestre	Oxnard	23
(S) Jocelyn Manriquez	Oxnard	21
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On May 3rd 2018, detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) assisted by the Ventura County Combined Agency Team (VCAT) and the Oxnard Police Department concluded a one month narcotic investigation into Joseph Keifer, Estevan Gutierrez and Armando Silvestre, who were involved in the sales of suspected Alprazolam (Xanax) and marijuana to residents of Ventura County.</p> <p>Detectives served a signed search warrant at two locations in the city of Oxnard. During this investigation detectives were able to seize approximately 93 Alprazolam (Xanax) pills, a large</p>		

amount of dried Marijuana, THC vape liquid, concentrated cannabis and marijuana edibles.

In addition to the drugs, a stolen AR-15 style assault rifle, an unregistered Glock handgun, approximately 100 pounds of explosive fireworks and a large amount of US currency deemed to be proceeds of narcotic sales were also located and seized.

During the service of the search warrant, detectives determined a four year-old juvenile was sleeping in the area where all the drugs, weapons and fireworks were located and easily accessible to him. Child Protective Services was summoned and they responded to investigate the conditions as they related to the safety of the child.

Keifer was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail for 11375(b)(1) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance, 11360(a) H&S ' sales of a controlled substance, 12305 H&S ' possession of explosives, 18715(a) PC ' possession of explosive / destructive device, 21810 PC ' possession of metal knuckles and 273a(a) PC ' child endangerment.

Gutierrez was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail for 11375(b)(1) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance, 25100(a) H&S ' Criminal storage of a firearm, 26500(a) ' Unlawful firearm transfer, 12305 H&S ' possession of explosives, 30605(a) PC ' Possession of an assault rifle, 32310(a) PC ' Possession of a large capacity magazine and 273a(a) PC ' child endangerment.

Silvestre was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail for 11375(b)(1) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance.

Manriquez was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail for 273a(a) PC ' child endangerment.

This case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review and filing considerations. All four subjects posted bail and were released from custody.

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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**Thousand Oaks - Child Predator Sentenced**

5/10/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		Child Predator Sentenced
<b>Report Number:</b>		17-73601
<b>Location:</b>		City of Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		5/20/2017
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>		City of Thousand Oaks Police Department ' Major Crimes / Sexual Assault Unit, Ventura County District Attorney's Office ' Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Gutierrez, Steven Mark	Thousand Oaks	54
(V) Juvenile Male	Thousand Oaks	10
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>In May of 2017, Thousand Oaks Police Department patrol deputies responded to a suspicious subject call in the area of Northwood Place @ Cypress Place in the City of Thousand Oaks. Deputies documented the incident as a possible child crime that had occurred in the community pool area.</p> <p>Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department Major Crimes Sexual Assault Unit immediately began an investigation and identified the suspect as Steven Gutierrez.</p> <p>On June 28, 2017, Detectives arrested Steven Gutierrez for 288(a) PC ' Lewd Act Upon a Child and booked him into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility. The case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office who elected to file two counts of Lewd Acts Upon a Child.</p> <p>On July 6, 2017, Detectives served a search warrant at Gutierrez' residence for evidence related to the crime. During the service of the search warrant detectives seized a laptop computer belonging to Gutierrez. The computer was sent to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Southern California High Technology Task Force for processing.</p> <p>On July 26, 2017, the Southern California High Technology Task Force completed their examination of Gutierrez' computer. Additional evidence was located on the computer linking Gutierrez to the possession of child pornography. This additional evidence was presented to the District Attorney's Office and additional charges were filed.</p>		
<p>On April 3, 2018, Steven Gutierrez, who was out on bail, failed to appear in court. The court issued a warrant for Gutierrez' arrest in the amount of \$200,000.</p> <p>On April 4, 2018, Steven Gutierrez was arrested by the City of Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura.</p> <p>On April 6, 2018, Steven Gutierrez appeared in Ventura County Superior Court and pled guilty to two counts of 288(a) PC, one count of 288(c)(1) PC, and one count of 311.11(a) PC ' Possession of Child Pornography.</p> <p>On May 4, 2018, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Steven Gutierrez to State Prison for a fixed term of 10 years 8 months, he was ordered to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison, prohibited from owning or possessing any firearms, and ordered to pay fines and restitution.</p>		

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**Thousand Oaks - Stolen Vehicle Arrest**

5/10/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Stolen Vehicle Arrest	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-46235	
<b>Location:</b>	700 Block of Marylie Lane, Walnut, Los Angeles County	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/09/2018 1300 hours	
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Investigations Bureau	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Armida Herrera	Palmdale	34
(S) Ali Maadarani	Palmdale	32
(S) Johnny Avalos	Walnut	31
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>During the month of March 2018, Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit concluded an investigation into the theft of multiple vehicles from a car dealership in Ventura. One of the suspects arrested as a result of that investigation was Ali Maadarani, who was employed by the car dealership. Shortly thereafter, a Thousand Oaks based car dealership recognized Maadarani as a previous employee, and determined a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee had been stolen during the time Maadarani was employed there.</p> <p>Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation and determined there was probable cause to arrest Maadarani for an additional count of 10851(a) VC ' Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle.</p> <p>On May 9, 2018, Detectives located the stolen 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the 700 block of Marylie Lane in the City of Walnut, Los Angeles County. Detectives arrested Armida Herrera for 487(d)(1) PC ' Grand Theft Auto, 10851(a) VC ' Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle, 508 PC ' Embezzlement over \$950, and 182(a)(1) PC ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. Herrera was booked into the Main Jail and released on her Own Recognizance. Detectives also contacted Johnny Avalos, who was arrested for an outstanding Violation of Probation warrant issued from Santa Barbara. Avalos was booked into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Walnut Station for the warrant.</p> <p>Detectives then located Ali Maadarani in the 2800 Block of West Avenue O 8 in the City of</p>		
Lancaster, Los Angeles County. Detectives arrested Maadarani for 10851(a) VC ' Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle, 508 PC ' Embezzlement over \$950 and 182(a)(1) PC ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. Maadarani was booked into the East Valley Jail, where his bail was set at \$40,000.		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sergeant Greg Gibson	
<b>Media Release Date:</b>	05/10/2018	
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**Approved by:**

Captain Bill Schierman

**Camarillo - Teen Commits Multiple Assaults With Vehicle**

5/11/2018 9:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Camarillo Teen Commits Multiple Assaults With Vehicle	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-72874	
<b>Location:</b>	Multiple locations in Camarillo	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 10, 2018 @ 6:50 p.m.	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, California Highway Patrol	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Lozano, Carlos	Camarillo	18
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>A Camarillo teen was arrested Thursday evening after he committed a series of assaults using a sport utility vehicle to collide with multiple other vehicles, including a California Highway Patrol car. At least two motorists were injured, including a CHP officer.</p> <p>The incident began in an apartment complex in the 700-block of Paseo Camarillo, where Carlos Lozano took his mother's SUV and collided with two parked vehicles in the complex. Lozano immediately left the area after the collision. His parents went outside and contacted the owners of the vehicles to discuss how they would handle the situation. Lozano returned to the area and deliberately drove the SUV toward his parents, who were standing in the driveway near the carport. Lozano's parents had to jump out of the way in order to avoid being struck by the vehicle.</p> <p>After narrowly missing his parents, Lozano collided with a third parked vehicle and a support pillar on the carport, causing heavy damage to the structure. Lozano drove away toward the US 101 Freeway. As he drove southbound on US 101, Lozano used the SUV to collide with a vehicle at Carmen Drive and another vehicle at Pleasant Valley Road.</p> <p>Lozano continued driving southbound on the freeway until he neared the top of the Conejo Grade, where he used the SUV to collide with a California Highway Patrol car that was parked behind a stranded vehicle on the right shoulder near the weigh station.</p> <p>A CHP officer and the stranded motorist were injured as a result of the collision, and both of the vehicles were heavily damaged. Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene shortly after the collision and arrested Lozano.</p>		
<p>Based on witness statements and evidence gathered during the investigation, it was apparent that Lozano's attempt to run down his parents using the SUV and the collisions that occurred afterward on the freeway were deliberate acts. As a result, Lozano faces six counts of felony assault with a deadly weapon, including one count against a peace officer.</p> <p>Lozano was treated at an area hospital for minor injuries and later booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sgt. Eric Buschow	
<b>Media Release Date:</b>	May 11, 2018	

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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Denise Sliva

**Heroin Delivery Service Driver Arrested**

5/11/2018 7:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Heroin Delivery Service Driver Arrested**

Report Number:

18-41767

Location:

600 block of Halyard, Port Hueneme

Date & Time:

May 10, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

California National Guard ' Counterdrug Task Force

**Ventura County Combined Agency Team (VCAT)**

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

(S) Irvin Reveles Port Hueneme 22

Narrative:

On May 10, 2018, the Ventura County Combined Agency Team (VCAT) concluded an investigation into heroin sales in western Ventura County with the arrest of Irvin Reveles. Earlier this year, detectives learned of a heroin delivery service named, 'The Boys' operating primarily in Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and the Ojai Valley. The delivery service was receiving thousands of calls per month from Ventura County customers desiring to purchase heroin. Investigators learned the delivery driver for this organization was Irvin Reveles. A search warrant was obtained for Reveles, his two vehicles, and his residence in the 600 block of Halyard in Port Hueneme. Reveles was arrested while he was walking to his car before he could begin his day delivering heroin to his customers. He was found to be in possession of heroin packaged

for street level sales. The search warrant was served on his cars and his residence where additional heroin, a significant amount of drug proceeds, and an imitation firearm were discovered. About 1000 doses of heroin were seized.

Reveles was booked into custody at the Ventura County Jail where he is awaiting a court date. The investigation is continuing into the individual who directed Reveles' criminal activity. That individual is identified and operating out of Mexico.

VCAT is a narcotics task force made up of detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Oxnard Police Department, and Simi Valley Police Department.

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

Prepared by:

Detective Sergeant Victor Fazio

**News Release Date:**

**May 11, 2018**

**Media Follow-Up Contact:**

**(805) 797-6357**

**Detective Aaron Wilkinson**

**Approved by:**

**Captain Robert Thomas**

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**Simi Valley - Narcotics Arrest**

5/11/2018 8:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Narcotics Arrest**

Report Number:

**18-71588**

Location:

**4500 block of Arroyo Lane, Simi Valley**

Date & Time:

**May 8th, 2018**

Unit(s) Responsible:

**Simi Valley Police Department**

**Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU)**

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

(S) Eric Pfefferle Simi Valley 27

(S) Isabel Leal Transient 23

Narrative:

On May 8th 2018, detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit (PCU) assisted by the Simi Valley Police Department concluded a one month narcotic investigation into Eric Pfefferle, who was involved in the sales of suspected heroin and methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County.

Detectives located and detained Pfefferle in Simi Valley and served a signed search warrant on his person, vehicle and at his residence. During this investigation detectives were able to seize approximately one pound of suspected methamphetamine, four ounces of heroin and a small amount of cocaine and miscellaneous prescription medications, including Suboxone strips.

Additionally, while detectives were at the location serving the search warrant, a female later identified as Isabel Leal arrived at the location and was found to have a Los Angeles County felony warrant for identity theft and a misdemeanor narcotics related warrant. Leal was arrested and booked into custody at the Ventura County Main Jail by the Simi Valley Police Department. Pfefferle was booked into custody at the Ventura County Sheriff's East County Jail facility for 11351(a) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance, 11378 H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance and a Los Angeles County misdemeanor narcotics related warrant.

On May 10

District Attorney's office elected to file one count of 11351 H&S and one count of 11378 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. The public may also anonymously use the email related crimes involving prescription medications.

th, 2018, this case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. The [pharm.tip@ventura.org](mailto:pharm.tip@ventura.org) to report pharmaceutical

Prepared by:

**Sergeant Matthew Young**

News Release Date:

**May 11th 2018**

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**Detective James Dykes**

Approved by:

**Captain Robert Thomas**

**Countywide - Response to Federal Lawsuit**

5/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Response to Federal Lawsuit
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>On Monday, May 7, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) announced Jennifer Hyatt was filing a lawsuit against the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The suit alleges Ms. Hyatt's hijab was "violently yanked" from her head while she was being booked at the Ventura County Sheriff's Pre-Trial Detention Facility, and that she was not allowed to wear the hijab for the duration of her brief stay at the jail. The suit further alleges Ms. Hyatt was treated poorly and intentionally shamed by deputies due to her religious beliefs.</p> <p>On January 1, 2017, Ms. Hyatt was arrested after a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy saw her jump out of a car on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. A Ventura County Sheriff's deputy arrived on scene and conducted an investigation, which was recorded on his body-worn camera. The investigation resulted in Hyatt's arrest, and she was taken to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura and booked.</p> <p>When arrestees are booked into the jail, they are searched, and items in their possession that could be used to injure themselves or others are taken from them. Items such as shoelaces, belts, and scarves are taken because they can be used as strangulation devices. Unfortunately, individuals booked into jail often experience varying emotional states, and suicidal and predatory ideation are very real considerations.</p> <p>The contact between sheriff's office personnel and Ms. Hyatt was recorded on the jail camera system in the booking area. Female deputies did remove Ms. Hyatt's hijab. However, the circumstances under which it was done and the intentions of the deputies involved were quite different than what is alleged in the suit. The sheriff's office strongly objects to the manner in which Ms. Hyatt's suit has portrayed our deputies. The videos and audio available to us tell quite a different story. No deputy is ever heard making rude, demeaning, or inappropriate remarks, and the manner in which the hijab was removed from Ms. Hyatt was deliberately respectful, patient and gentle. In fact, a portion of the hijab is initially removed so a nurse could examine possible injuries Ms. Hyatt allegedly suffered in her vehicle. The observable body language and the audible conversation of all those involved at the jail, including Ms. Hyatt, is one of respect, and at no point was it indicative of hostility, malfeasance, or disdain.</p> <p>Ms. Hyatt is never heard requesting to wear her hijab; however, we do accept her assertion that the request was made and ultimately denied due to security concerns.</p> <p>We believe the removal of her hijab was legal for the safety and security of the jail. However,</p>	
<p>under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, arguably, we should have offered an accommodation and we did not. This practice has been rectified.</p> <p>I personally called CAIR the day prior to their media event and asked to speak to the executive director, who was out of town. Their media director called back and I told him that we should have provided an accommodation, and we have corrected that practice. I also told him that we had video that was contrary to Ms. Hyatt's depiction of the story and other video from prior contacts with Ms. Hyatt that might be enlightening for them.</p> <p>The sheriff's office legal counsel spoke to Ms. Hyatt's legal counsel and offered to let them see the videos prior to their media event, but they did not accept the offer.</p> <p>Law enforcement agencies are often put in the difficult position of preserving the confidentiality of conversations and recordings when they involve both a suspect and/or victim, even when we know the truth of the matter is different than what is being publicly alleged. We must often "take it on the chin" until the facts can be heard and seen in a court, under the direction of a judge.</p> <p>Unfortunately, in this case, the Ventura County Star chose to editorialize only one side of the story. The sheriff's office respects the religious beliefs of all people in the community. The actions of our staff in all of the contacts we have had with Ms. Hyatt were in good faith and were in no way meant to demean her. Our goal has been, and continues to be, to provide a safe environment for those entrusted to our care. This includes Ms. Hyatt, who was only in our custody for a few hours.</p>	

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<b>Media Release Date:</b>	May 13, 2018

**Saticoy - Two Teens Injured in Shooting**

5/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Two Teens Injured in Shooting	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-73591	
<b>Location:</b>	11000 block of Violeta Street, Ventura, CA	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/12/2018 @ 2:22 a.m.	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Headquarters Patrol / Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau / Sheriff's Gang Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(V-1) Juvenile Male	Oxnard	16
(V-2) Juvenile Female	Ventura	13
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>Two teens were injured as a result of a shooting in the community of Saticoy.</p> <p>On May 12, 2018, at approximately 0222 hours, Ventura County Sheriff's patrol deputies and detectives responded to a shooting that occurred in the 11000 block of Violeta Street. Deputies discovered the victims were seated inside a parked vehicle when a light colored sedan stopped a short distance away. An unidentified suspect then fired a single round at the victims' vehicle. The round struck the victims' vehicle and bullet fragments hit both occupants.</p> <p>The victims fled the scene in their vehicle, traveling eastbound on Highway 118. The suspect vehicle followed them and a suspect fired several additional rounds at the victims. Shortly after evading the suspects, the victims' vehicle crashed and came to rest along Forest Park Blvd. in the Riverpark area of Oxnard.</p> <p>Both victims sustained non-life threatening injuries. V-1 was treated at a local hospital and released. V-2 was transferred to a hospital in Los Angeles, but has since been released.</p> <p>This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to contact Detectives Frances Saleh (805-384-4729) or Greg Cadman (805-384-4726).</p> <p>Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1000 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>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Detective Greg Cadman / Major Crimes Bureau	
<b>News Release Date:</b>	05/15/2018	
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**Approved by:**

Captain Jeff Miller / Major Crimes Bureau.

**Camarillo - Coffee With a Cop**

5/16/2018 1:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Camarillo Police ' Coffee with a Cop Event
<b>Report Number:</b>	NONE
<b>Location:</b>	Starbucks, 4512 Las Posas Road, Camarillo
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 18 th, 2018 from 9:00 ' 11:00 am
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police
<b>Narrative:</b>	<p>The Camarillo Police Department is proud to announce the first "Coffee with a Cop" day. Coffee with a Cop brings deputies and community members together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other.</p> <p>Friday, May 18th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Camarillo deputies will be at Starbucks, 4512 Las Posas Road (Las Posas and Lewis Road), Camarillo, sharing a cup of coffee with neighbors. Community trust is one of the key elements to the success of the Camarillo Police Department. By sitting down and having a simple conversation, deputies, and the community members they serve, can continue building and growing together.</p> <p>The Camarillo Police Department invites the community to come out and ask questions, voice concerns, get crime prevention advice, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. This is a relaxed, informal event and is not about speeches or agendas but simply about casual conversation. The goal of Coffee with a Cop is to get to know the community better and hear about issues the residents feel are important.</p> <p>Building relationships ' one cup at a time.</p>
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sergeant Julie Novak
<b>News Release Date:</b>	5-16-2018
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain J. Paris

**Countywide - Click It or Ticket**

5/16/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		Click-It or Ticket	
<b>Report Number:</b>			
<b>Location:</b>		Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		5/16/18	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>		Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>	
<b>Narrative:</b>			
<p><b><i>CLICK IT OR TICKET</i></b></p> <p><b><i>CAMPAIGN STARTS MAY 21</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Ventura County Sheriff's Deputies will show zero tolerance</i></b></p> <p><i>As the unofficial start of summer, the Memorial Day holiday weekend is a busy time for Californians. Each year, the highways fill with families in vehicles, on their way to start their summer vacations. To help keep drivers and passengers safe, the Ventura county Sheriff's Office is reminding motorists to</i></p> <p><i>"Buckling up is such a simple task that can keep you and your family safe in the car," said Commander Dave Murray, Camarillo Police Department. "But it's more than that. Buckling up is the law. Our law enforcement personnel see the consequences of not buckling up. We see the loss of life and injuries at the scene of a crash. Often, deaths could have been prevented and injuries reduced with the simple click of a seat belt. This should be automatic."</i></p> <p><i>According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half (48%) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2016 were unrestrained. At night from 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., that number soared to 56 percent of those killed. That's why one focus of the</i></p> <p><b><i>Click It or Ticket. The national seat belt campaign will take place May 21 through June 3, concurrent with the busy travel season. Click It or Ticket campaign is nighttime enforcement. Police, Sheriff and the CHP will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. In California, the minimum penalty for a seat belt violation is</i></b></p>			
<p>"This Memorial Day period and, in fact, every day, we want everyone in every vehicle to remember that buckling up could be their greatest defense in a crash," said Rhonda Craft, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "Putting on a seat belt is one of the quickest, simplest and most effective ways to ensure you and your loved ones remain safe and sound on the road."</p> <p>In 2016, 6 community members across Ventura County were killed because they did not buckle their seat belts. Statewide, 426 individuals were found to be unrestrained at the time of the collision. It is estimated that 74 would have survived had they simply buckled up.</p> <p>"If you know a friend or a family member who does not buckle up when they drive, please ask them to consider changing their habits," said Commander Dave Murray. "Help us spread this life-saving message before one more friend or family member is killed as a result of this senseless inaction. Seat belts save lives, and everyone'child and adult'needs to remember to buckle up'every trip, every time."</p> <p>This enforcement effort is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National</p>			

Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and remember - Report Drunk Drivers - call 911.

<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sergeant Paul Richards
<b>News Release Date:</b>	5/16/18
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**Ventura - Gun and Narcotics Arrests**

5/17/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Gun And Narcotics Arrests	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-53018	
<b>Location:</b>	Ventura, Ca	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/16/18	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision (PROS) Unit ; California National Guard ' Counterdrug Task Force; Sheriff's Gang Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
James Butler	Ventura	43
Marie Snyder	Ventura	33
Jose Hernandez	Ventura	40
Jose Vela	Ventura	35
Joshua Holt	Ventura	36
Ashley Barreto	Ventura	20
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On May 16</p> <p>Detectives served a signed search warrant on Butler, his residence, and vehicles. Butler was found to have a loaded firearm along with methamphetamine and heroin believed to be packaged for sales.</p> <p>Present at the residence were several subjects including several known gang members. Subjects included known gang member Jose Vela, who had an outstanding felony warrant for violation of his California Department of Corrections parole terms. Vela was arrested for the warrant and narcotics violations. Marie Snyder had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was also found to possess methamphetamine packaged for sales. Snyder was arrested for the listed warrant and possession for sales of a controlled substance. Jose Hernandez, a known gang member, had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for a narcotics related charge. Hernandez was arrested for the listed warrant and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Joshua</p> <p>th 2018, Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives with the assistance of the Sheriff's PROS Unit, concluded their one month investigation into known gang member James Butler, who was believed to operate a narcotics sales ring and was believed to be in possession of firearms.</p>		

Holt, a Serious Habitual Offender, currently on probation for narcotics related charges was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Ashley Barreto, a Serious Habitual offender, currently on probation for narcotics related charges was also arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

All of the listed subjects including Butler were booked at the Main Jail. Butler remains in custody on \$570,000 bail.

<b>Prepared by:</b>	Senior Deputy Ernan Jauregui Sheriff's Gang Unit
<b>News Release Date:</b>	May 17, 2018
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Todd Inglis

**Ventura - Gun Violation Arrests**

5/17/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Gun Violation Arrests	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-73337	
<b>Location:</b>	Ventura, Ca	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/11/18 17:30 Hours	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Post-Release Offender Supervision (PROS) Unit Sheriff's West County Patrol ' Headquarters Sheriff's Gang Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Christopher Barron	Ventura	30
Brett Braddy	Ventura	46
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On May 11</p> <p>Braddy is a convicted felon and was wanted for an outstanding California Department of Parole violation warrant. During a traffic stop, Braddy was found to be in possession of tear gas, heroin, and narcotic paraphernalia. Barron was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of a concealed loaded handgun.</p> <p>Braddy was arrested for the listed warrant, possession of tear gas, and various narcotics violations. Barron was arrested for carrying a concealed loaded firearm upon his person, unlawful transfer of a firearm, and being under the influence of a controlled substance with a firearm. Both subjects were later booked at the Main Jail. Barron was later released on bond and Braddy remains in custody without bail.</p> <p>th 2018, Sheriff's Gang Unit detectives with the assistance of the Sheriff's PROS unit, and Sheriff's Headquarters Patrol, concluded their one month investigation into Christopher Barron and Brett Braddy.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Senior Deputy Ernan Jauregui Sheriff's Gang Unit	
<b>News Release Date:</b>	May 17, 2018	
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**Approved by:**

Captain Todd Inglis

**Oak Park - Child Annoying Incident Reported Near Deerhill Park**

5/21/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Child Annoying Incident Reported Near Deerhill Park	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-78512	
<b>Location:</b>	6700 Doubletree Road, Oak Park	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/20/2018 @ 8:45 PM	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	East County Sheriff's Investigations Bureau	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(V) Female Juvenile	Oak Park	14
(V) Female Juvenile	Oak Park	11
(S) Male Adult	Unknown	20's
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On May 20, 2018, at about 8:45 PM, the two females were leaving Deerhill Park when they observed a black sedan pull into the parking lot at the park. This vehicle was similar to one of a family member, so they believed someone may have arrived to pick them up. As they walked toward the car, they discovered the person in the car was not a family member and they began to walk off.</p> <p>The male subject exited the vehicle and attempted to talk to the girls, who continued to walk away. The male began to walk behind the girls and requested to speak to them. The girls ran into a residential neighborhood and the suspect returned to his vehicle and drove in the direction the juveniles were walking. The girls notified a family member, who immediately reported the incident to the police.</p> <p>The suspect was described as a white male wearing dark clothing with short dark hair and driving a black sedan. The case is being investigated by Ventura County Sheriff's Office Detectives. Anyone with further information should contact Detective Meagan Yates at (805) 371-8387.</p> <p>The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind parents to have a discussion with their children about what to do if approached by strangers. Please remind them to walk with groups and never enter a stranger's vehicle. Most importantly, remind them to stay vigilant and if they see something suspicious, say something and call 9-1-1.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Detective Timothy Lohman	
<b>News Release Date:</b>	May 21, 2018	
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Don Aguilar	

**Ventura - Narcotics/Weapon Arrest**

5/24/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Narcotics / Weapon Arrest**

Report Number:

18-77262

Location:

300 Block of West Ramona Street, Ventura

Date & Time:

5/18/2018 @ 10:45 A.M.

Unit(s) Responsible:

**Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team**

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

Edwards, Theresa Ventura 47

Narrative:

On 05/18/18, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team concluded a three month long narcotic investigation into the drug trafficking activities of Theresa

Edwards of Ventura. The investigation revealed Edwards was supplying methamphetamine and heroin to residents of Ventura County.

On 5/18/18 at approximately 1045 a.m., Detectives from the West County Street Team assisted by members of the California National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force, executed a signed search warrant for Edwards, her vehicles and residence in the city of Ventura. Edwards was detained at the residence along with a male subject. During the search of the residence, approximately one pound of heroin and 12 ounces of methamphetamine was seized packaged for sale in various quantities. A loaded hand gun, digital scales, and a large sum of U.S. Currency

believed to be proceeds of narcotic sales were also seized.

Edwards was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Main Jail on narcotic and weapons violations. Her bail was set at \$250,000. She is currently in custody and her next scheduled court appearance is set for 5/31/2018 at 1:30 PM in courtroom 14. The investigation into the involvement of the male subject found at the residence is on-going.

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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**Thousand Oaks - The Oaks Shopping Center Theft Arrests**

5/25/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	The Oaks Shopping Center Theft Arrests
<b>Report Number:</b>	Multiple
<b>Location:</b>	The Oaks Shopping Center, Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/22/2018
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Investigations Bureau, Thousand Oaks Patrol Services

<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Alex Goodro	Thousand Oaks	23
(S) Kristen Malone	Thousand Oaks	23
(S) Felipe Ventura	Oxnard	35
(S) Kimberly Mejia	Oxnard	24

**Narrative:**

On May 22, 2018, Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit and Investigations Bureau partnered with Loss Prevention Agents from multiple retail stores and The Oaks Shopping Center security to conduct an enforcement operation at The Oaks Shopping Center targeting shoplifters. During the enforcement operation, deputies were able to confirm two thefts occurred at one of the businesses at the shopping center and arrested four individuals involved in those thefts. Additionally, deputies conducted pro-active enforcement and arrested three other individuals for miscellaneous misdemeanor violations.

Detectives initially observed (S) Felipe Ventura, while walking around a retail store. At about the same time, detectives learned (A) Kimberly Mejia had been observed to be exhibiting behavior consistent with shoplifting. Detectives observed Ventura and Mejia meet up and walk out to a vehicle, where they were contacted by deputies. Further investigation determined Ventura had committed a shoplift at a retail store. Furthermore, detectives located property that had been stolen earlier in the morning during a vehicle burglary in Thousand Oaks. Ventura was arrested for PC 459.5(a) ' Shoplifting, 496(a) PC ' Receiving Stolen Property Under \$950, HS 11550(a) ' Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, and PC 459, Second Degree Burglary of a Vehicle. Mejia was arrested for PC 496(a) ' Possession of Stolen Property, PC 459 ' Second Degree Burglary of a Vehicle and narcotics charges. Ventura and Mejia were booked into the Main Jail for the violations. Mejia was released on her own recognizance.

Later, detectives observed (S) Alex Goodro and (S) Kristen Malone walking around The Oaks Shopping Center together. Goodro and Malone were later observed to exhibit suspicious behavior in a retail store consistent with shoplifting. Detectives followed Goodro and Malone after they left the store and contacted them as they were about to leave the mall. Detectives located property that had just been stolen from a retail store. Detectives were also able to confirm that Goodro had committed a separate shoplift from another retail store on May 20, 2018. (A) Goodro was arrested for two counts of PC 459.5(a) - Shoplifting, PC 182(a)(1) ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, PC 466 ' Possession of a Burglar's Tools, and narcotics charges. (A) Malone was arrested for PC 459.5(a) ' Shoplifting, and PC 182(a)(1) PC ' Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. Goodro and Malone were booked into the Main Jail, where their bail was set at \$100,000.

According to the National Retail Foundation, Organized Retail Crime is responsible for approximately \$30 billion in losses each year. The Thousand Oaks Police Department is committed to conducting future

enforcement actions at retail locations throughout the City of Thousand Oaks to mitigate retail theft and to identify and arrest individuals engaged in Organized Retail Crime.

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**Thousand Oaks - Homicide Victim Identified**

5/29/2018 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Homicide Victim Identified**

**Report Number:**

**18-82448**

**Location:**

**Meagan Place, Thousand Oaks, CA**

**Date & Time:**

**May 28, 2018, 1:15 AM**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Investigations Bureau**

**Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau**

**Thousand Oaks Police Department**

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

**(V) Chad Omelia Thousand Oaks 26**

**Narrative:**

**On May 28, 2018, at about 1:15 AM, deputies responded to a disturbance in the zero block of Meagan Place. Once on scene, deputies located Chad Omelia deceased. Omelia had multiple wounds to his body. The manner and cause of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner's Office.**

**In addition to Omelia, deputies discovered a female inside the residence with significant injuries that required immediate medical attention. The female was transported to a local hospital for treatment and she is currently in stable condition.**

**The investigation is ongoing; however investigators are not looking for any outstanding suspects.**

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**May 29, 2018**

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**Captain Jeff Miller**

**Countywide - Sheriff's Office Hosting Women's Empowerment Event**

5/30/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Test Your Limits! Ventura County Sheriff's Office Is Hosting a Women's Empowerment Event
<b>Location:</b>	Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Saturday, July 7, 2018 9:00AM to 2:00PM
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Recruitment & Background Investigations Unit
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>Have you ever considered a career in law enforcement, but were unsure if you have what it takes? The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is hosting a</p> <p>This event will include an open panel discussion with women in law enforcement who have enjoyed various career paths as a Deputy Sheriff. They will be on hand to answer questions and share their own personal stories of how they chose law enforcement as a career.</p> <p>To attend this free event please R.S.V.P. by visiting <a href="http://www.applyventurasheriff.org">www.applyventurasheriff.org</a> and selecting the link for the Test Your Limits Women's Empowerment Event. You must be at least eighteen</p> <p><b>Women's Empowerment Event on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. This free event is designed to encourage women to explore their possibilities of a law enforcement career. We invite women to attend this stress free, non-scored, educational event to "Test Your Limits!" Challenge yourself with push-ups, sit-ups, a 165-pound body drag, and an agility course. You will have a unique opportunity to receive basic firearms safety instruction and experience our Force Options Simulator (FOS). The F.O.S. is used to train all active Deputy Sheriffs in use of force incidents. Engage with current female deputy sheriffs from various assignments and backgrounds in a fun and non-stressful setting.</b></p>	
years of age to attend.	
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**Oxnard - Search Warrant Executed for Narcotics and Firearms**

5/31/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Narcotics Search Warrant**

Report Number:

**18-67675**

Location:

**500 Blk North McKinley Avenue, Oxnard**

Date & Time:

**May 31, 2018 4:00 AM**

Unit(s) Responsible:

Unit, Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Sheriff's SWAT; Oxnard Police Department  
SWAT; Ventura Police Department SWAT

**Ventura County Sheriff's Office ' Special Crimes Unit, Sheriff's Gang**

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

Narrative:

During the past several months, detectives with the Sheriff's Office Special Crimes Unit have been investigating several suspects involved in the sales of narcotics and illegal transfer of firearms operating in the city of Oxnard. The investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at a residence, located in the 500 block of North McKinley Avenue in the city of Oxnard. On 5/31/18, at approximately 4:00 AM, Oxnard Police Department SWAT, Ventura County Sheriff's Office SWAT, and Ventura Police Department SWAT executed the search at that residence. The search warrant resulted in numerous items of evidence including the seizure of two unregistered shotguns and ammunition for various caliber firearms throughout the residence.

No arrests have been made and the investigation into the sales of narcotics and illegal transfer of

firearms is ongoing.

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**May 31, 2018**

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