

**Ojai - Coffee With the Chief**

8/1/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Coffee With the Chief

Location:

Beacon Coffee 211 West Ojai Ave. Ojai, Ca.

Date & Time:

August 8, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ojai Police Department

Narrative:

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

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

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

Prepared by:

Captain James Fryhoff

News Release Date:

August 1, 2018

Media Follow-Up Contact:

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Approved by:

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Captain James Fryhoff

**Thousand Oaks - Gang Members Arrested for Home Burglaries**

8/1/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Gang Members Arrested for Burglarizing Thousand Oaks Homes**

Report Number:

18-119639, 18-119656, 18-119726

Location:

Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

8/1/18 @ 1030 hours

Unit Responsible:

Department Patrol, Ventura County Sheriff's Office Air Unit, Simi

Valley Police Department, East County Sheriff's Investigations Bureau

**Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol, Moorpark Police**

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

(S) Joseph Mancha Bakersfield 25

(S) Armando Tellez Bakersfield 20

(S) Hope Delaolla Bakersfield 22

Narrative:

On August 1, 2018, at approximately 0927 hours, Thousand Oaks Police Department patrol deputies responded to the 600 block of Calle Mandarin, for a burglary in progress call. The victim reported that two Hispanic males broke into her residence while she was home and stole items from the residence. Once the homeowner confronted the suspects they fled in a grey Infinity vehicle. Patrol deputies arrived and searched the area. During the search, Sheriff's Dispatch received another call for a burglary in progress in the 80 block of West Sidlee Street, which is approximately two miles from the Calle Mandarin location. Additional patrol resources responded and searched the area.

During the search, a Moorpark Police Motor Unit observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle driving eastbound on State Route 118. The Moorpark Police Motor unit followed the vehicle until additional police units arrived to assist. The vehicle pulled into the Del Taco restaurant drive through, located at 1098 Enchanted Way in Simi Valley. The three occupants fled from the vehicle and a foot pursuit ensued. With the assistance of Simi Valley Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office K9, and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Air Unit, all three suspects were taken into custody.

A search of their vehicle revealed stolen property from at least three different residences located in the City of Thousand Oaks. Joseph Mancha, Armando Tellez, and Hope Delaolla were identified as documented gang members from the Bakersfield area. Mancha, Tellez, and Delaolla were arrested for violating Penal Code section 182(a)(1) ' Conspiracy, PC 459 '

Burglary, and PC 186.22(a) ' Street Terrorism.

Thousand Oaks Police Department Detectives are conducting a follow up investigation to identify the owner of the stolen property found in the vehicle.

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Detective Tim Lohman

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Captain Renee Ferguson

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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**Camarillo - Police Night Out**

8/2/2018 6:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Camarillo Police National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime

**Report Number:**

**Location:** Constitution Park, 1287 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 08/11/2018, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

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

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting National Night Out, America's night out against crime on August 11<sup>th</sup>, at Constitution Park in Camarillo, from 4:40 ' 7:30 pm. The Camarillo Art Council's Concert in the Park, featuring 'Super Freak', will start immediately after the National Night Out celebration.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Come and visit with the Camarillo Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office, including seeing our S.W.A.T. members, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, the Unmanned Ariel Vehicle Team, Bomb Team, K-9, Police Volunteers, and the Disaster Assistance Response Team. Food, Friends and Fun!

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Julie Novak

**News Release Date:** 8-3-2018

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**Approved by:** Capt. Paris

**Woman arrested for Arson**

8/2/2018 11:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Woman arrested for Arson

**Report Number:** 18-119618

**Location:** 4100 block of Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley

**Date & Time:** August 1, 2018 @ 8:40 a.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office ' Moorpark Substation  
Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit  
Ventura County Fire Department Arson Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b>                                | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b><br>(S) Alexandra Gindlesberger | Simi Valley                     |

**Narrative:**

A Simi Valley woman was arrested for deliberately setting a fire that burned a hillside in the unincorporated area of Simi Valley.

At about 8:40 a.m. on August 1, 2018, the Ventura County Fire Department received a call of a brush fire in the 4100 block of Tapo Canyon Road. Firefighters arrived within minutes and were able to quickly contain the fire before it grew out of control. In the end, the fire burned almost 10 acres of hillside before it was extinguished.

While on scene, firefighters learned that a citizen had detained a female who was possibly responsible for starting the fire. Patrol deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, along with investigators from the Fire Department's Arson Unit and the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit, responded to conduct additional investigation. The investigators determined that (S) Alexandra Gindlesberger had deliberately started the fire along the roadside. The fire then spread along the neighboring hillside.

Gindlesberger was arrested for one felony count of arson and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility on \$50,000.00 bail and she is scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court on August 3, 2018.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Ventura County Fire Department would like to remind the public that fire season is still in full effect. Small fires can grow rather quickly and we encourage the public to have an evacuation plan in place.

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Gregg Delarosa

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**Approved by:** Captain Jeff Miller

**Narcotics Arrest**

8/4/2018 9:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** NARCOTICS ARREST  
**Report Number:** 18-119674  
**Location:** Spinnaker and Navigator drives, Ventura, Ca  
**Date & Time:** 8/3/2018, 1310 hours  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Kirn, Dustin   | Ventura                         | 29                |

**Narrative:**

On 8/2/2018, Detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's East County Street Team detained a Ventura resident, Dustin Kirn, age 29, regarding an investigation into sales of illegal steroids. Kirn was stopped by a patrol deputy in the area of Spinnaker and Navigator drives. During the search of Kirn's vehicle, detectives located two loaded handguns.

Detectives from the Sheriff's East County Street Team, Pharmaceutical Unit, and Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail served search warrants at Kirn's business located on the 2000 block of Palma Drive in Ventura and residence located on the 10000 block of Orange Circle in Ventura.

At the business, detectives seized a significant amount of illegal steroids, a loaded handgun, currency and evidence related to the sales of the illegal steroids. At the residence, detectives seized additional steroids, cash, handguns, and rifles.

At the conclusion, detectives seized over 100 vials and 1,600 pills of illegal steroids, a total of five handguns, a shotgun, assault style rifle, ammunition, and numerous high capacity rifle magazines. One of the magazines was a double drum magazine with a 100 round capacity. Detectives also seized a large sum of cash believed to be proceeds from the sales of illegal steroids.

Kirn was arrested for possession for sale of a controlled substance. Additional charges are pending. Kirn was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail and his bail was set at \$50,000. Kirn posted his bail and is scheduled to appear in court on 8/16/2018, at 0815 hours.

**Prepared by:** Sgt. Jose Rivera

**News Release Date:** 8/4/2018

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**Approved by:** Capt. Robert Tomas

**Saticoy - Victim Stabbed**

8/8/2018 2:20:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Subject Stabbed in Possible Gang Related Incident

**Report Number:** 18-123012

**Location:** 1200 block of Los Angeles Avenue, Saticoy

**Date & Time:** 08/07/2018 @ 1330 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Headquarters Patrol Station  
Sheriff's Gang Unit  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (V) Male Adult  | Ventura                         | 18                |
| (V) Male Juvenile                                       | Ventura                         | 17                |
| (S) Hispanic Male                                       | Unknown                         | 16-18             |
| (S) Hispanic Male                                       | Unknown                         | 16-18             |
| (S) Hispanic Male                                       | Unknown                         | 15-17             |

**Narrative:**

A Ventura resident was stabbed in Saticoy during what is believed to be a gang-related incident.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, deputies were summoned to the 1200 block of Los Angeles Avenue in the unincorporated community of Saticoy, in reference to a stabbing. Headquarters Patrol deputies, as well as investigators from the Sheriff's Gang Unit and Major Crimes Bureau, responded to the incident. Preliminary investigation indicates that three Hispanic male suspects approached an 18-year old victim and the victim's 17-year old friend in the area of Los Angeles Avenue and Azahar Street. One of the suspects made threatening statements and remarks consistent with gang ideology. This same suspect then brandished a knife and continued to verbally threaten the victims.

Upon seeing the suspect with the knife, both victims attempted to run away and they were immediately chased by all three suspects. The 17-year old victim managed to escape assault/injury and fled the scene unharmed. Meanwhile, the three suspects caught up with the 18-year old victim and attacked him in the area of Los Angeles Avenue and Violeta Street. The victim sustained stab wounds during the assault and was later treated at Ventura County Medical Center. The victim's wounds were determined to be non-life threatening and the victim was discharged from the hospital later that evening.

During the investigation, one juvenile suspect who resides in Saticoy was arrested for weapon and drug violations and later lodged at the Juvenile Justice Center. Investigators are still trying to determine if this suspect played a role in the attack.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is strongly encouraged to contact Detective J. Lopez with the Sheriff's Gang Unit at (805) 654-3548 or Detective R. Skaggs with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau at (805) 384-4725.

**Prepared by:** Detective Sgt. Dean Worthy

**News Release Date:** 08/08/2018

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**Approved by:** Captain J. Miller

**Ojai - Man Leads Deputy in a Vehicle Pursuit**

8/9/2018 4:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Ojai Man Leads Deputy in a Vehicle Pursuit  
**Report Number:** 18-115120  
**Location:** Gorham Road at Grand Avenue, Ojai  
**Date & Time:** 07/24/2018 @ 09:01 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Patrol, Camarillo Traffic Unit and Ojai Station Detectives

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Sterling, Morgan   | Ojai                            |

**Narrative:**

On 7/24/18, a deputy observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop and the motorcyclist failed to yield, committing several traffic violations as he attempted to flee. The motorcyclist was later identified as Morgan Sterling.

While fleeing from the deputy, Sterling showed no regard for his safety, pedestrians, or other motor vehicles on the roadway. His actions were so egregious that his failure to yield rose to the level of felony evading, a violation of 2800.2(a) CVC. During the pursuit, Sterling made a sudden illegal U-turn in front of the deputy's vehicle which caused a collision that ending the pursuit.

At the conclusion of the pursuit Sterling was transported to the hospital for minor injuries. The City of Camarillo's Traffic Unit responded and conducted the traffic accident portion of this investigation. In addition to these investigations, a California Driver's License check was conducted and determined the Sterling did not have a Class M1 License issued to him at the time of this incident.

On 08/08/2018, Sterling came to the station with a family member, at the request of detectives, and was arrested for felony evading and reckless driving. He was booked into custody at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, his bail is set at \$55,000.00 he is scheduled to appear in court on 08/10/2018.

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

**Prepared by:** Detective J Preciado

**News Release Date:** 08/09/2018

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**Approved by:** Captain James Fryhoff

**Thousand Oaks - Home Invasion Robbery Arrest**

8/10/2018 1:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Home Invasion Robbery Arrest

**Report Number:** 15-2030772

**Location:** 3000 block of Cajon Circle, Unincorporated area of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** 8/9/2018

**Unit(s) Responsible:** East County Investigations Bureau and Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (S) William Hansen                                       | Thousand Oaks                   | 32                |

**Narrative:**

On September 6, 2015, patrol deputies responded to a residence in the 3000 block of Cajon Circle in the Unincorporated area of Camarillo regarding a robbery that had just occurred. Deputies determined two suspects woke up the victim and directed the victim to open his safe for them. The suspects stole a large amount of US currency, jewelry and documents. The suspects then restrained the victim before fleeing the victim's residence.

Detectives with the East County Investigations Bureau and Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation into the robbery and identified one of the suspects in the robbery as William Hansen. In February 2016, Thousand Oaks Police Deputies arrested Hansen on unrelated charges. During a subsequent investigation, detectives located evidence linking Hansen to the home invasion robbery.

An extensive investigation into Hansen's involvement in the home invasion robbery ensued. In July 2018, Detectives with the Special Enforcement Unit presented the investigation to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office elected to file one count of 211 PC ' First Degree Residential Robbery, against Hansen. A warrant for Hansen's arrest was issued.

On August 9, 2018 Detectives with the Special Enforcement Unit arrested Hansen for the warrant while he was waiting to be released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where he had been in custody on unrelated charges. Hansen was transported to Ventura County, where he was bail was set at \$100,000.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Greg Gibson

**News Release Date:** 08/10/2018

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**Approved by:** Captain Bill Schierman

**Camarillo - Identity Theft Arrest**

8/11/2018 7:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Identity Theft Arrest  
**Report Number:** 18-124548  
**Location:** 1400 block of Del Norte Road, Camarillo, CA 93010  
**Date & Time:** 08/10/2018 @ 10: 00 AM  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Rodriguez, Janae   | Sacramento, CA                  |
| Soto, Cancio   | Sacramento, CA                  |

**Narrative:**

On August 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, identity theft suspects were arrested in the City of Camarillo. They were in possession of personal identification information including, but not limited to, copies of credit cards and driver licenses of numerous victims. It was determined that the information had been stolen from business establishments and vehicle thefts.

On August 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, detectives with the Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a mechanical violation in the 4400 block of Central Avenue in the City of Camarillo. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Cancio Soto and the passenger was identified as Janae Rodriguez, both residents of the Sacramento area.

It was determined that both parties were under the influence of a controlled substance and they were arrested for 11550(a) HS. During a search of the vehicle, approximately 20 copies of business invoices and other paperwork listing personal identifying information were located. The paperwork also contained copies of the numerous unknown victims' driver licenses and credit card copies. Based upon the identifying information located inside the vehicle and from information gleaned from interviewing the suspects, detectives believe Soto possessed the information for the purpose of committing identity thefts. In addition to the evidence of identity theft crimes, 3.6 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.

Following the arrests, detectives were able to contact several of the people listed on the paperwork located inside Soto's vehicle and confirmed this information had been stolen. One of the thefts was confirmed to have occurred in Santa Barbara County. Based upon these interviews, detectives believe Soto is involved in committing identify theft crimes in both Ventura County and Santa Barbara County.

Soto was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility for 11550(a) HS / Under the influence of a controlled substance, 11377(a) HS / Possession of a controlled substance, 11364 HS / Possession of drug paraphernalia and 530.5(c)(3) PC/ Possession of identifying information of 10 or more people with the intent to defraud. Rodriguez was booked into jail for 11550(a) HS / Under the influence of a controlled substance. Soto remains in custody with his bail set at \$50,000 and a court date on 08/14/18 in Ventura County Superior Court.

This investigation is on-going and Camarillo Police detectives are working with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office to determine if Soto and Rodriguez are involved in additional identity theft crimes.

There are various ways citizens become identity theft victims, mail theft is the most common. The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind citizens to be aware of loose mail placed in unlocked mailboxes and theft of mail left in unlocked mailboxes for extended time periods. Please remember that Postal Inspectors across the country work hard to protect your mail. But with deliveries to more than 100 million addresses, the Postal Inspection Service can't do the job alone. You can protect your mail from thieves by remembering to pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail. This diligence will assist in the prevention of becoming a victim of identity theft.

The Camarillo Police Department would like to thank members of the public for their on-going support and due diligence in providing information to assist our agency in solving crimes.

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| <b><u>Prepared by:</u></b>             | Detective Hollowell                 |
| <b><u>News Release Date:</u></b>       | 08/11/2018                          |
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| <b><u>Approved by:</u></b>             | Captain Romano Bassi                |

**Thousand Oaks - Firearms and Narcotics Arrest**

8/11/2018 4:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Illegal Firearms and Narcotics Arrest

**Report Number:** 18-124192, 18-124307

**Location:** 200 block of Windsong Street, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** 08/09/2018 1500

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit and Directed Enforcement Unit, East County Investigations Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (S) Evan Brodsky   | Thousand Oaks                   | 28                |
| (S) Jason Wilson   | Thousand Oaks                   | 36                |

**Narrative:**

During the month of July, Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation into the illegal transfer of firearms occurring in the City of Thousand Oaks. During the course of the investigation, detectives determined evidence of the illegal firearms transfer would be located in a residence in the 200 block of Windsong Street in the City of Thousand Oaks, and obtained a search warrant to search the residence.

On August 9, 2018, Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Unit, Directed Enforcement Unit and East County Investigations Unit served the search warrant. During the service, they contacted Evan Brodsky and Jason Wilson outside the residence. During a search of the residence, detectives located evidence of the illegal firearms transfer, and also located eight handguns, three AR-15 rifles, 2 shotguns, multiple high capacity magazines and approximately 2600 round of ammunition. Detectives determined Brodsky was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition and arrested Brodsky for PC 29800(a)(1) ' Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm; PC 30305(a)(1) ' Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; and PC 32310(a) ' Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine. Detectives booked Brodsky into the Main Jail for the violations. Brodsky was released from custody on \$50,000 bail.

Detectives contacted Wilson and determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance. Detectives also searched property belonging to Wilson, and located approximately 15 grams of heroin, methamphetamine, narcotic paraphernalia and a switch-blade knife. Detectives also seized a large amount of U.S. currency that they believed was narcotics proceeds. Wilson was arrested for 11351 HS ' Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sales, 11352(a) HS ' Sales of a Controlled Substance, and several misdemeanor charges. Wilson was booked into the Main Jail for the violations, where he was released on \$105,000 bail.

**Prepared by:** Sergeant Greg Gibson

**Media Release Date:** 08/10/2018

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**Camarillo - Murder Suspect Arrested**

8/14/2018 3:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Murder Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** 17-49730

**Location:** 1600 block of Arneill Road, Camarillo, California

**Date & Time:** August 13, 2018 at 1115 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau  
Camarillo Police Department Special Enforcement Unit  
King County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit (WA)

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| (S) Luis Aceves  | Federal Way, Washington         |
| (V) Gilbert Aceves                                       | Camarillo                       |

**Narrative:**

Former Camarillo resident arrested for the 2017 murder of his younger brother.

On April 6, 2017, deputies from the Camarillo Police Department responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Marco Drive in Camarillo, in reference to a reported stabbing. Detectives from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau also responded and assumed control of the investigation.

The preliminary investigation revealed that two brothers, Luis Aceves and Gilbert Aceves, were involved in a physical altercation which resulted in Gilbert sustaining multiple stab wounds. The incident occurred inside their family residence and no other witnesses were present.

Gilbert was immediately transported by ambulance to Los Robles Hospital for life-savings measures. Gilbert succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased shortly after his arrival in the emergency room. Luis also sustained injury during the incident and was subsequently transported to another local hospital for treatment. Luis' injuries were deemed non-life threatening and he was discharged from the hospital the following morning.

During the following months, Major Crimes Detectives continued to investigate the incident and process evidence related to the homicide. Luis' activities were also closely monitored during the course of the investigation and it was discovered that several months following the homicide, he moved to Federal Way, Washington.

In April, 2018, Major Crimes Detectives traveled to Washington and worked with the King County Sheriff's Office to continue the investigation. Detectives ultimately obtained sufficient evidence to

showcase how the homicide was an act of murder with malice aforethought on the part of Luis.

In August, 2018, the case was presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for criminal filing considerations. A felony warrant for Luis' arrest was subsequently issued for murder in violation of California Penal Code section 187(a), with an additional count for a special allegation of using a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony in violation of California Penal Code section 12022(b)(1). The bail for the warrant was set at \$3,000,000.00 by the Ventura County Superior Court.

On August 12, 2018, detectives obtained information that Luis had traveled back to Camarillo for reasons still unknown to investigators. On August 13, 2018, at approximately 1115 hours, Luis was located by Sheriff's detectives in the area of Las Posas Road and Arneill Road in Camarillo. Luis was arrested for the mentioned warrant and booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility without incident.

Luis Aceves appeared in Ventura County Superior Court today and his arraignment was continued until August 28, 2018.

**Prepared by:** Detective Michael Marco

**News Release Date:** August 14, 2018

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**Approved by:** Captain Jeff Miller

**Gang Related Assault and Brandishing**

8/14/2018 4:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Gang Related Assault and Brandishing

**Report Number:** 18-114178 / 18-115162

**Location:** El Rio, CA

**Date & Time:** 07/21/2018 1930 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's West County Patrol ' Headquarters  
Sheriff's Gang Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Juvenile male   | Port Hueneme                    |

**Narrative:**

On July 22, 2018, Sheriff's Deputies from the Headquarters Station responded to report of a stabbing that occurred the previous night. On July 21, 2018 at approximately 2130 hours, the victim was walking in the 200 block of Simon Way in El Rio when he was confronted by a suspect demanding money. When the victim stated he had no money, the suspect stabbed the victim in his forearm, causing injury. Additionally, deputies located what appeared to be recently tagged street gang graffiti in the immediate area of the assault.

Detectives from the Headquarters Station and the Sheriff's Gang Unit conducted a follow-up investigation which resulted in the discovery of additional crimes committed on the night of July 21<sup>st</sup> by the same suspect. After the initial attack on Simon Way, the same suspect walked to the Valero gas station where he brandished a knife and yelled gang slogans at two additional victims.

After a three week investigation was concluded, the weapon believed to have been used in both attacks was located and a juvenile male suspect was identified. On August 10, 2018, a search warrant was executed along with a probation search leading to the arrest of the suspect, identified as a local gang member.

**Prepared by:** Detective Erik Hernandez  
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**News Release Date:** August 14, 2018

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**Approved by:**

Captain Todd Inglis

**Mexico Based Heroin Distribution Network Dismantled**

8/14/2018 5:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Mexico Based Heroin Distribution Network Dismantled

**Report Number:** 18-77495

**Location:** Los Angeles County and Ventura County

**Date & Time:** August 10, 2018

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Police Station Patrol  
Ventura County Narcotics Task Force

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Jose Gonzalez-Chaidez                                    | Los Angeles                     | 57                |
| Abraham Chaidez  | Palmdale                        | 55                |
| Eliseo Gonzalez  | Los Angeles                     | 43                |
| Maria Hermosillo   | Los Angeles                     | 41                |
| Luis Gonzalez  | Los Angeles                     | 18                |
| Jose Rodriguez   | Los Angeles                     | 49                |
| Rubio Demetrio   | Los Angeles                     | 59                |
| Harold Mory  | Oakview                         | 58                |
| Sandra Monje   | Santa Paula                     | 53                |
| Mario Torres   | Santa Paula                     | 66                |
| Jeremy Mariott   | Santa Paula                     | 46                |
| Clare Brown  | Santa Paula                     | 45                |

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Narcotics Task Force concluded a four month long investigation into the Chaidez-Gonzalez crime family with the arrest of several individuals and service of search warrants related to heroin sales. This organization was found to be supplying heroin delivery services, as well as individual dealers, with bulk quantities of product for resale.

In May of this year, Ojai Patrol Officers became aware of a subject dealing heroin in western Ventura County known as Harold Mory. Shortly after obtaining this information, Narcotics Detectives saw Mory meet in Los Angeles County with Eliseo Gonzalez. Mory was arrested after he bought five ounces of heroin from Eliseo Gonzalez to sell to Ventura County Customers.

Narcotics Detectives continued to investigate Eliseo Gonzalez and learned he, along with Jose Rodriguez, were distributing heroin to multiple other Ventura County customers. Customers included: Sandra Monje, Mario Torres, Jeremy Mariott, and Clare Brown. All of whom were

arrested for various narcotics charges.

Detectives additionally discovered Eliseo Gonzalez and Jose Rodriguez were being supplied with heroin by Abraham Chaidez and Jose Gonzalez-Chaidez. Jose Gonzalez-Chaidez was found to be the head of the family-based organization, residing part time in Mexico and part time in the United States. Abraham Chaidez was seen on multiple occasions dealing heroin to Los Angeles based customers including Rubio Demetrio.

On August 10, 2018, search warrants were served at several locations in Los Angeles County.

Jose Gonzalez-Chaidez was arrested at an apartment in the 11900 block of Kling Street, Los Angeles for heroin sales. About 2 kilograms of heroin was found hidden in the residence. Suspected drug proceeds were also found in his residence.

Abraham Chaidez was arrested at his house in the 200 block of Avenue R3, Palmdale. Suspected drug proceeds were found at his residence.

Eliseo Gonzalez, his wife Maria Hermosillo, and their adult son, Luis Gonzalez, were arrested at their apartment in the 7100 block of Hazeltine Ave, Los Angeles. Two kilograms of heroin were found in Eliseo Gonzalez' vehicles during this investigation. Suspected drug proceeds were also found at their residence.

Jose Rodriguez was arrested at his residence in the 15100 block of Black Oak Court, Los Angeles. About two pounds of heroin was found in one of his vehicles. Suspected drug proceeds were also found at his residence.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department Special Enforcement Unit and Directed Enforcement Unit as well as the Los Angeles Police Department Van Nuys Division assisted in this investigation.

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**Camarillo - DUI National Summer Mobilization Campaign**

8/15/2018 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI National Summer Mobilization Campaign

**Report Number:**

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

**Date & Time:** August 17 through September 3, 2018

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau

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

**Narrative:**

**This Labor Day, and Every Day: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

Ventura County, California ' As we enter the final stretch of summer spending time at the pool or barbecuing with friends and family, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office is driving home the importance of celebrating responsibly by not driving, or riding a motorcycle, impaired.

From Aug. 17 through Sept. 3, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office is participating in a high-visibility national enforcement campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. During this period, Police and Sheriff's Departments statewide, along with the California Highway Patrol, will increase the number of officers on the road to stop suspected drunk or drug impaired drivers and motorcyclists. If you are caught driving or riding impaired, you will be pulled over and arrested.

The Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks will have a special emphasis during this 18-day mobilization to enforce all traffic violations by deploying DUI Saturation Patrols on most of the weekends during the mobilization period.

The enforcement campaign runs through the Labor Day holiday weekend, which is one of the deadliest times of year in terms of alcohol-involved traffic deaths. Sadly, one-third of all traffic deaths involve drunk drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 10,497 people were killed in alcohol-involved crashes, or one person every 50 minutes.

'It's up to drivers to make the smart decision and drive sober not just for this enforcement period, but every day', said Commander Dave Murray. 'This isn't about ticketing. This is a campaign to get the message out that driving impaired is illegal and takes lives.'

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will show zero tolerance for impaired driving or riding and joins

efforts by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to educate drivers that 'DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze.' If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning label, you may be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing and result in a DUI, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

In the ten years from 2005-2015, the percentage of drivers in fatal crashes with an impairing drug other than alcohol in their system has risen from 26.2 percent to 42.6 percent. As far back as 2012, a roadside survey in California showed more drivers tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

During this national enforcement campaign, there will also be increased state and national messages about the dangers of riding impaired, which combined with enforcement, aims to drastically reduce drunk or drug impaired riding on our nation's roadways.

Motorcycles require specific training and skill. When a rider adds alcohol, marijuana or impairing prescription medication to the mix, it is not only illegal, but increases the risky nature of riding a motorcycle.

There are so many options out there to get home safely, so there is no excuse for getting behind the wheel when you are impaired.

To avoid a DUI and putting others, and yourself, at risk, The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has a few tips to stay safe on the roads:

- { Always designate a sober driver.
- { Use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home.
- { Use your community's sober ride program.
- { Have a friend or family member who is about to drive buzzed or impaired! Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.
- { Report drunk drivers - call 911.

Funding for this DUI operation is provided to the Camarillo, Moorpark and Thousand Oaks Police Departments by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**News Release Date:** 8/15/18

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**Approved by:**

Commander Dave Murray

**Camarillo - Start Smart**

8/15/2018 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Start Smart Program

**Location:** Camarillo Police Station Community Room

**Date & Time:** Friday, September 7th, 2018, 5:30 p.m. ' 8:30 p.m.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future drivers. This program will take place on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 5:30PM until 8:30PM at the Camarillo Police Station Community Room. The 'Start Smart' Program is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Camarillo Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents/guardians.

In an attempt to remain proactive and not reactive, Start Smart is designed to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle. Start Smart will show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved. Our goal is to raise awareness and reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to traffic collisions.

**For reservations, please call the Camarillo Police Department Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. Space is limited to 20 students and their parents/guardians. There is no charge to attend the program.** Interested parents are asked to contact Deputy Ben Lopez at (805) 388-5122 for more information about the class.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Ben Lopez

**News Release Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Thousand Oaks - ADW Suspect Arrested**

8/17/2018 8:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** ADW Suspect Arrested After Standoff with Police

**Report Number:** 18-127225

**Location:** 2300 Block of Borchard Road, Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** August 15, 2018 @ 8:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (S) Hudgins, Craig                                       | Thousand Oaks                   | 54                |
| (V) Adult Male   | Moorpark                        | 32                |

**Narrative:**

A 54-year-old transient was arrested for shooting a landscaper with a BB gun after an hour long stand-off with police.

On August 15, 2018, the victim reported being shot by a BB gun while landscaping in the area of the 2300 block of Borchard Road. Thousand Oaks Police patrol deputies responded to the location and contacted the victim. Deputies observed the victim had injuries to his face and neck area. The victim was treated for his injuries by medical personnel at the scene.

Through the investigation, deputies determined the shot likely came from a Recreational Vehicle (RV) parked in the area. Deputies attempted to contact the owner of the RV. The sole occupant, later identified as (S) Craig Hudgins, became hostile to the deputies and refused to exit the RV. Based upon Hudgins' hostile demeanor and the potential for Hudgins to be armed with a weapon, deputies created a perimeter and continued attempting to communicate with Hudgins. Communication via telephone was established and Hudgins agreed to exit the vehicle after approximately an hour of negotiations. Hudgins was promptly taken into custody. A search of the RV was conducted and a BB gun was recovered.

Approximately two months ago, Hudgins had been listed as a suspect in a vandalism where a BB gun was used to shoot out the window of a landscaper's truck window.

Hudgins was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility and charged with both crimes. On August, 17, 2018, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed one count each of felony assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor vandalism. Hudgins remains in custody on \$20,000 bail.

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**Media Release Date:** August 17, 2018

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**Gang Related Stabbing Arrest**

8/20/2018 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Gang Related Stabbing Arrest

**Report Number:** 18-123012

**Location:** 1200 block of Los Angeles Avenue, Saticoy, CA

**Date & Time:** 08/11/2018 @ 1915 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Sheriff's West County Patrol ' Headquarters  
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau  
Sheriff's Gang Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Juvenile male   | Fillmore                        |
| Juvenile male   | Ventura                         |

**Narrative:**

On August 7, 2018, deputies were summoned to the 1200 block of Los Angeles Avenue in the unincorporated community of Saticoy in reference to a stabbing. Headquarters Patrol deputies, as well as investigators from the Sheriff's Gang Unit and Major Crimes Bureau were involved in the investigation. The preliminary investigation indicated that three Hispanic male suspects approached two victims, who were walking together, in the area of Los Angeles Avenue and Azahar Street. One of the suspects made threatening statements and remarks consistent with gang ideology while brandishing a knife at the victims. Upon seeing the suspect with the knife, both victims attempted to run away and were chased by all three suspects. One of the victims managed to escape assault/injury and fled the scene unharmed. The three suspects caught up with the second victim and attacked him in the area of Los Angeles Avenue and Violeta Street. The victim sustained stab wounds and a broken nose during the assault. The victim was treated and later released from a local hospital where his wounds were determined to be non-life threatening.

Detectives from the Headquarters Station, Major Crimes Bureau, and the Sheriff's Gang Unit conducted a follow-up investigation resulting in the identification of two suspects. On August 16, 2018, Gang Unit detectives arrested a 17 year old male and a 14 year old male for their involvement in the stabbing. Both suspects were later lodged at the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Center. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has filed California Penal Code section 245(a)(1)- Assault with a Deadly Weapon and California Penal Code section 186.22(B)(1)(C)- Street Terrorism charges on both suspects. Investigators are actively working leads on the third suspect and an arrest is pending.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is strongly encouraged to contact Detective J.

Lopez with the Sheriff's Gang Unit at (805) 654-3548 or Detective R. Skaggs with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau at (805) 384-4725.

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**Ojai - Juvenile Arrested for Starting a Vegetation Fire**

8/20/2018 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Juvenile arrested for unlawfully starting a vegetation fire.

**Report Number:** 18-113722

**Location:** Vacant lot east of 290 E. El Roblar Drive, Meiners Oaks

**Date & Time:** 07-21-18 @ 1340 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ojai Police Department & Ventura County Fire Investigators

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Male juvenile  | Ojai                            | 17                |

**Narrative:**

On 07-21-18, at about 1340 hours, a vegetation fire erupted in a vacant lot east of the Roth Apartment Complex, located at 290 E. El Roblar Drive in the unincorporated community of Meiners Oaks. Deputies from the Ojai Substation were at the Roth Apartment Complex investigating an unrelated incident when the fire started. Deputies immediately requested the fire department.

Ventura County Fire Engine Company 22 and surrounding engine companies, along with a Ventura County Sheriff's Helicopter, and a truck from the US Forest Service arrived to assist. The fire burned quickly east towards the Roth apartments endangering the home owners. Thanks to the quick response by the firefighters, the flames were extinguished before any home was affected. The vegetation fire burned about one and a half acres.

The cause of the fire was unknown and arson investigators from the Sheriff's Office and Ventura County Fire Department were summoned to assist with the investigation. They determined the fire to be an act of arson.

After a three week investigation, it was determined a male juvenile was the cause of the fire. The juvenile was contacted and arrested for 452(d) PC ' Unlawful causing a fire. The juvenile was issued a citation and released to his family.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office wants to thank the public for assisting with the investigation. Due to the lack of rain and dry weather, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone to be vigilant and to call 911 immediately if they see anything suspicious.

**Prepared by:** Senior Dep. Charles McDonald #2693

**News Release Date:**

08-20-18

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**by:**

Captain James Fryhoff

**Residential Burglars Arrested**

8/20/2018 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrests made on Multiple Residential Burglaries in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties

**Report Number:** 18-126213

**Location:** 200 Block of Pepper Street Pasadena, CA  
1700 Block of Glen Avenue Pasadena, CA  
1000 Block of Summit Avenue Pasadena, CA  
300 Block of E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA  
16600 Block of E. Kingside Drive Covina, CA  
1400 Block of N. Soto Street Los Angeles, CA  
900 Block Arwin Street Pasadena, CA  
300 Block of Laun Street Altadena, CA  
3300 Block of E. Colorado Blvd Pasadena, CA

**Date & Time:** August 16, 2018 @ 07:00 AM

**Unit Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Major Crimes Bureau Burglary/Robbery Task Force, Pasadena Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department/VENCATT and San Bernardino Sheriff's Department Specialized Enforcement Division.

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Keith Callum   | Pasadena                        | 26                |
| John Brown   | Altadena                        | 21                |
| Kaela Travers  | Los Angeles                     | 22                |
| Terrance Hall  | Pasadena                        | 23                |
| Preston Lee  | Pasadena                        | 23                |
| Kendall World  | Covina                          | 21                |
| Leslie Hall  | Pasadena                        | 50                |
| Charles Smith  | Pasadena                        | 28                |

**Narrative:**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and allied agencies have arrested eight suspects as part of an ongoing investigation into a Pasadena/Los Angeles County based criminal street gang who commit residential burglaries in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Seven suspects have been charged or charges are pending for multiple counts of residential burglary and one suspect has been charged for being a felon in possession of a firearm. This burglary crew is believed to have committed more than 20 burglaries throughout Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Investigators anticipate several more arrests as this investigation continues.

In April of 2018, The Thousand Oaks Police Department had a series of residential burglaries

that were occurring during daytime hours while the residents were not home. The residences were located in various parts of Thousand Oaks and in nearby unincorporated areas. It is believed the suspects conducted surveillance on the residences before committing the burglaries. All of the burglaries involved gaining access to the home via a rear window or glass door. During the investigation, investigators learned similar burglaries were occurring in various cities in Los Angeles County. Based on similarities in the burglaries, it was believed an organized group of suspects were involved in these crimes. Evidence was obtained linking Terrance Hall and Keith Callum to one of the residential burglaries in the unincorporated area of Thousand Oaks. Hall and Callum were determined to be members of a criminal street gang from Pasadena that have a history of committing residential burglaries among other crimes. It was also determined Hall was on parole for burglary.

Believing Hall and Callum were involved with several other unknown suspects, investigators from the Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office Special Crimes Unit/Crime Analysis Unit, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Major Crimes Bureau Burglary/Robbery Task Force, Los Angeles Police Department, Pasadena Police Department and San Bernardino Sheriff's Department Specialized Enforcement Division joined forces and started investigating Hall, Callum and their associates. As the investigation continued, Charles Smith (wanted for a 2016 burglary in Simi Valley), John Brown (on probation for drug sales), Kaela Travers (on parole for robbery), Preston Lee (on parole for robbery) and Kendall World (on probation for burglary) were all identified as being involved in residential burglaries that occurred in Ventura or Los Angeles Counties. An additional seven suspects associated with this burglary crew have been identified and additional arrests are anticipated over the next few weeks as those investigations are completed. It was determined at least one of the suspects was receiving information from a person employed by a residential cable provider about residences, homeowner activities, high value items located inside residences and where the homeowner's surveillance systems were located. Based on Charles Smith being wanted for a 2016 burglary in Simi Valley, investigators believe this burglary crew and the known and unknown associates have been committing residential burglaries in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties for quite some time.

On August 16, 2018 investigators served search warrants in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Numerous items of evidence linking the suspects to different crimes were located including 6 rifles, 3 handguns, large quantity of ammunition, stolen property, approximately 1 pound of marijuana, several hundred Xanax pills, and a large quantity of U.S. currency. In addition to the 5 burglaries that occurred in Ventura County, investigators have identified an additional 8 burglaries that occurred in Los Angeles County that the suspects are linked to. Investigators from Ventura and Los Angeles Counties are still combing through all of the evidence obtained from the search warrants and anticipate identifying more burglaries and arresting more suspects. In addition to the seven burglary suspects, Leslie Hall was arrested for being a felon in possession of firearm after investigators found two firearms and ammunition in a vehicle he owned. Leslie Hall is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

The following suspects were booked into the Ventura County Jail: Keith Callum - \$1,000,000 bail, John Brown - \$1,000,000 bail, Kaela Travers - \$1,000,000 bail, Charles Smith \$1,000,000

bail, Terrance Hall \$3,000,000 bail. The following suspects were booked into the Los Angeles County Jail: Preston Lee ' No Bail, Kendall World - \$50,000. Leslie Hall was booked in Los Angeles County Jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm - \$20,000 bail.

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**Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

8/20/2018 12:00:00 PM

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

**Report Number:** N/A

**Location:** Oxnard, CA

**Date & Time:** August 18, 2018 / 8:00 AM ' 2:00 PM

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

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, August 18, 2018, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of twenty eight (28) registered sex offenders throughout the unincorporated community of Oxnard. The compliance checks were funded through the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Funds.

Twenty six (26) of the sex registrants were confirmed to be in compliance with their registration requirement. Two (2) registrants were not contacted because they were not home or had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if the remaining registrants not contacted are out of compliance. The Sheriff's Office aggressively pursues prosecution of those sex registrants whom fail to comply with their registration requirements.

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

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

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**Thousand Oaks - ORT Crew that targeted Apples Stores Arrested**

8/20/2018 8:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Organized Retail Theft Crew Arrested after Altercation with Mall Customers  
**Report Number:** 18-129801  
**Location:** Apple, 432 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** 8/19/18 @ 1517 hours  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol, East County Sheriff's Investigations Bureau

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (S) Tynisha Noel   | Fresno                          | 26                |
| (S) Mona Benoit  | Sacramento                      | 23                |
| (S) Donte Sims   | Antioch                         | 24                |
| (S) Edward Benton  | Antioch                         | 23                |
| (S) Timothy Terry  | Antioch                         | 19                |

**Narrative:**

On August 19, 2018, at approximately 1517 hours, three suspects entered the Apple store located in the Oaks Mall. All three suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts with the hoods up on their heads. Once inside, the three suspects proceeded to steal several Apple iPhones and Apple laptop computers totaling approximately \$18,000.00. All three suspects ran out of the store, and in doing so, ran into a juvenile female customer causing her to fall to the ground. Other customers in the area tackled two of the suspects and detained them until Thousand Oaks Police Department Deputies arrived on scene. These two suspects were identified as Donte Sims of Antioch California and Timothy Terry also of Antioch California. The third suspect fled the mall and got into a waiting vehicle. Donte Sims and Timothy Terry were arrested for violating Penal Code section 459 ' burglary and PC 182(a)(1) ' criminal conspiracy.

At approximately 1536 hours, a Ventura County Sheriff patrol deputy observed a vehicle with three occupants traveling at a high rate of speed on eastbound State Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley and conducted a traffic stop. Upon contact, the patrol deputy identified the driver as Mona Benoit of Sacramento, passenger Tynisha Noel of Fresno, and passenger Edward Benton of Antioch. The patrol deputy ultimately arrested the driver for driving under influence of a controlled substance. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of the Apple iPhones stolen from the Thousand Oaks Mall Apple store as well as Apple devices stolen during a burglary of an Apple store in Los Angeles County. Thousand Oaks Police Department Detectives identified this group as an Organized Retail Theft Crew and are conducting an investigation into this burglary as well as the burglary that occurred in Los Angeles County.

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**Child Predator Sentenced**

8/21/2018 11:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Child Predator Sentenced

**Report Number:** 17-3706, 17-48528, 17-67538, 17-75705,

**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks

**Date & Time:** 1/9/2017

**Unit Responsible:** Thousand Oaks Police Department ' Major Crimes/Sexual Assault Unit,  
Moorpark Police Department  
Ventura County District Attorney's Office ' Sexual Assault Family  
Protection Unit

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> | <b><u>Age</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (S) Chaya, Alaa  | Thousand Oaks                   | 21                |
| (V) Juvenile Female                                      | Simi Valley                     | 13                |
| (V) Juvenile Female                                      | Thousand Oaks                   | 17                |
| (V) Juvenile Female                                      | Thousand Oaks                   | 16                |
| (V) Adult Female   | Moorpark                        | 19                |

**Narrative:**

In January of 2017, Thousand Oaks Police Department patrol deputies learned a 13 year old female victim was leaving school during the day to meet with the 21 year old Suspect Alaa Chaya and engaging in sexual conduct. Detectives with the Thousand Oaks Police Department Major Crimes Sexual Assault Unit immediately responded to the school and took over the investigation.

Later that same afternoon, Detectives located Alaa Chaya at his place of employment, 1600 Block of Thousand Oaks Blvd, and interviewed him. At the conclusion of the interview, Detectives arrested Chaya for committing a lewd act upon a child, in violation of 288(a) PC & Oral Copulation of a Person Under 16 years old, a violation of 288a(b)(2) PC. Chaya was booked into the East County Jail. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office ' Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit filed three counts of Lewd or Lascivious Acts to a minor under 14 years old, a violation of 288(a) PC. Chaya posted \$150,000 bail and was released.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department Major Crimes Sexual Assault Unit continued to investigate Alaa Chaya. During the following months, their investigation revealed three additional victims. These victims were located and interviewed regarding their activities with Alaya Chaya. As a result of the continued investigation into Alaya Chaya, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office ' Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit filed numerous additional charges against Chaya.

In April of 2017, with the assistance of the Moorpark Police Department, the Sexual Assault Unit

arrested Alaa Chaya for attempted rape, a violation of 664/261(a)(2) PC and disorderly conduct (secretly recording someone with an expectation of privacy), a violation of 647(j)(2) PC. Chaya was arrested again booked into the East County jail.

In May of 2017, Detectives with the Sexual Assault Unit arrested Alaa Chaya for Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a minor, a violation of 261.5(C) PC; Oral Copulation with a person under 18 years old, a violation of 288a(b)(1); Sending Harmful Matter to a minor, a violation 288.2(a) PC; and Possession of Child Pornography, a violation of 311.11(a) PC

In June of 2018, Alaa Chaya pled guilty to the following charges:

664/518 PC ' Attempted Extortion  
288.2(a) PC ' Sending Harmful matter to a minor  
261.5(c) PC ' Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a person under 18 years of age.  
2 Counts of 288(a) PC ' Lewd or Lascivious Acts to a person under 14 years of age

On August 20, 2018, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Alaa Chaya to State Prison for a fixed term of 7 years 8 months, he was also ordered to pay \$15,000 + in victim restitution, ordered to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison, and prohibited from owning or possessing any firearms. Chaya has remained in custody since his arrest in April of 2017, due to this he was also credited with over a year time served.

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## Thousand Oaks - DUI Checkpoint

8/21/2018 5:30:00 PM

Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint

Thousand Oaks, CA

August 25, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Thousand Oaks Police Department - Traffic Bureau

### **Narrative:**

#### **Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint Planned**

Thousand Oaks, CA ' The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint on August 25, 2018, at an undisclosed location(s) within the city limits.

The deterrent effect of High Visibility Enforcement using both DUI checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug impaired crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized proactive DUI operations are conducted routinely.

DUI Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Locally, over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 6 lives and resulted in 85 injury crashes harming 112 of our friends and neighbors.

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

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

amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

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

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

Sergeant Carl Patterson

August 21, 2018

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Captain Don Aguilar

**Nature of Incident:** Back to School Safety

**Report Number:**

**Location:** City of Camarillo

**Date & Time:** August 22, 2018

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Department's Traffic Bureau

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

**Narrative:**

As the new school year begins in the next few days, the Camarillo Police Department would like to remind the public to be cautious as they travel near schools. As children and parents make their way to and from school, there will be an increase in traffic. To ensure children get to school safely, the Camarillo Police Department has the following suggestions:

**Motorists:**

- } Slow down and observe the speed limit and traffic laws in school zones at all times. Camarillo Police Officers will be assigned to these areas to enforce traffic laws.
- } Be very careful when driving on neighborhood streets and around school zones. Always expect the unexpected. Stay off of your cell phones or any other devices that may distract you as you travel.
- } Be alert for children walking and biking as you back out of your driveway or leave your garage.
- } If you are dropping your child off at school, do not stop in the street and let them out. Pull to the curb and let them out in a safe area.
- } Watch for children on bicycles, especially at intersections.
- } Follow directions of all crossing guards at crosswalks and near schools. Failure to do so can result in a citation.
- } Stop your car when you see lights flashing on a school bus. Flashing red lights indicate that the bus is stopped and students are getting on or off. Vehicles in every lane need to stop. Do not start driving until the red lights stop flashing.
- } Pay attention to Crossing Guards and do not enter the intersection until all pedestrians are clear and the Crossing Guard has lowered their Stop Sign

**Bicyclists:**

- Remind your children that bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as vehicles do. They must stop for stop signs, red lights, and signal when turning.
- Any child under 18 years of age is required by law to wear an approved helmet when riding bicycles and scooters. Bicyclists not wearing helmets could be cited and the fine is over \$100.00.

**Pedestrians:**

- Never walk alone to school. Always walk with a friend or an adult.
- Only cross the street at a marked crosswalk.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing and continue to be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay alert! Put cell phones, games, and other devices away until you arrive at your destination. If you wear Ear Buds, use them in one ear only, so that the other ear can hear sounds and possible hazards.
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing when vehicles are approaching or stopped.

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**Camarillo - Senior Citizen Driver Education Class**

8/23/2018 5:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Senior Citizen Driver Education Class

**Location:** Camarillo Police Station/ Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
3701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, Ca. 93010

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Police Station - Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Camarillo Police Station will be hosting a Senior Citizen Driver Education Class. The Senior Citizen Driver Education Class is a collaborative effort between the Camarillo Police Station, Camarillo Health Care District, Department of Motor Vehicles and our community's senior drivers.

The Senior Citizen Driver Education Class is designed to help senior drivers understand how age could affect a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The Senior Citizen Driver Education Class will cover topics related to the safe operation of a motor vehicle. The presentation will provide information to caregivers and family members as well. Information will also be provided for alternative transportation and community resources available to our senior citizens as well for their caregivers and family members.

Senior drivers, their caregivers and their family members are welcomed and highly encouraged to attend this presentation. If you are interested in attending this presentation contact the Camarillo Police Department's **Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155**. Space is limited to 40 participants. This is a voluntary program and there is no cost to attend.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Lou Vazquez

**News Release Date:** August 22, 2018

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**Approved by:** Captain Jeremy Paris

**Narcotics / Weapons Arrest**

8/23/2018 6:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics / Weapons Arrest

**Report Number:** 18-128597

**Location:** 1800 Block of Teal Club Road, Oxnard, California  
600 Block of Roble Lane, Oxnard, California

**Date & Time:** 08/17/2018 @ 11:00 AM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (A)rrestee**

(A) Cayetano Fuerte

**City of Residence**

Oxnard

**Narrative:**

On 08/17/2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Narcotic's Street Team concluded a month long narcotic investigation into Oxnard resident, Cayetano Fuerte, who was involved in the sales of methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County. The West County Street Team was assisted by the Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit.

On 08/17/2018, Detectives detained Fuerte during a traffic stop in the City of Oxnard. A signed search warrant was then executed at two locations in the City of Oxnard where Fuerte had been residing.

During the search of one of the residences, Detectives located approximately 4 pounds of methamphetamine, narcotics paraphernalia indicative of methamphetamine sales and a sum of currency deemed to be proceeds of illegal narcotic sales. Two hand guns and ammunition were also seized.

Fuerte was booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for possession for sales of methamphetamine and weapons charges. His bail was set at \$300,000. His next court appearance is not yet scheduled.

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

**Prepared by:** Detective Sergeant Guy Moody

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**Fillmore - Narcotics Arrest**

8/25/2018 10:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Narcotics Arrest  
**Report Number:** 18-129703  
**Location:** 900 Block of 4th Street, Fillmore  
**Date & Time:** August 21, 2018 @ 9:15 a.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team

| <b><u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u></b> | <b><u>City of Residence</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| (S) Gabriel Tobias                                       | Fillmore                        |

**Narrative:**

On August 21, 2018, the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotic Team concluded a month long investigation into the narcotic trafficking activities of Gabriel Tobias with the execution of a search warrant at his residence and his arrest for narcotic violations.

On August 21, 2018, Detectives detained and arrested Tobias at his work site in Ventura while simultaneously executing a signed narcotic search warrant at his residence in Fillmore, California. After a search of the residence, detectives located and seized approximately 13 ounces of methamphetamine as well as related paraphernalia indicative of narcotics sales.

Tobias was booked into the Ventura County Sheriff's Pre-Trial Detention Facility for possessing methamphetamine for the purpose of sales. He remains in the custody of the Sheriff's Department with a bail of \$55,000.00. His next court appearance is scheduled for 08/27/2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 14.

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

**Prepared by:** Detective Sergeant Guy Moody - Ventura County Sheriff's Office

**Media Release Date:** August 25, 2018

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**Approved by:** Captain Robert Thomas





**Approved by:**

Captain Robert Thomas

**Gang Member Arrested**

8/27/2018 10:30:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:** Gang Member Arrested  
**Report Number:** 18-116458  
**Location:** 11000 Block of Nardo Street, Saticoy  
**Date & Time:** July 10, 2018 @ 08:30 p.m.  
**Unit(s) Responsible:** Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit  
California Highway Patrol

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

(S) Mario Gaona

**City of Residence**

Oxnard

**Narrative:**

On July 10, 2018, the California Highway Patrol responded to the 11000 Block of Nardo Street in the community of Saticoy reference a hit and run traffic collision. CHP officers ultimately located and arrested the suspect, Mario Gaona, for driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident.

The Sheriff's Gang Unit conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident. Detectives learned during the incident, Gaona attempted to dissuade the victims from reporting the traffic collision to law enforcement. Gaona further threatened the victims, stating he was a member of a criminal street gang and would commit acts of violence against them.

On August 24, 2018, a search warrant was executed at Gaona's residence and evidence was located which further implicated Gaona's affiliation with a criminal street gang. Gaona was arrested for PC 422 ' Criminal Threats, PC 136.1 ' Witness Intimidation, and PC 186.22 ' Street Terrorism.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office holds a zero tolerance on gang activity. The community is encouraged to report all gang activity to the Sheriff's Office for enforcement and investigation.

**Prepared by:** Detective Jeff Jacobs ' Ventura County Sheriff's Office

**News Release Date:** August 27, 2018

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**Approved by:** Captain Todd Inglis



Hooper remains in custody on \$500,000 bail. Hooper's next court appearance is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM.

The Ojai Police Department Detectives are conducting follow-up investigations on the incident. If you have any information or were a witness to the incident, please contact Station Detectives at (805) 477-7038.

**Prepared by:** Deputy Jason Havelka

**News Release Date:** August 27, 2018

**Media Follow-Up Contact:** Detective Andrea Regan  
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**DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results**

8/28/2018 4:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results  
**Location:** City of Thousand Oaks  
**Date & Time:** August 25, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.  
**Unit Responsible:** Thousand oaks Police Department - Traffic Bureau

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

**Narrative:**

On August 25, 2018, the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint at one location in the City of Thousand Oaks. Vehicles were screened as they passed through the checkpoint locations. No arrests were made for DUI. Several citations were issued for unlicensed driver and/or for having a suspended/revoked driver's license.

The Checkpoint location was north bound Westlake Boulevard south of Hillcrest Drive from 8:10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

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

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6.00 for every \$1.00 spent. Ninety percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

During the listed Checkpoint Operation the following occurred:

- 893 vehicles entered the Checkpoint
- 812 vehicles were screened in the Checkpoint
- No DUI alcohol impaired arrests were made
- No DUI drug impaired arrests were made
- Six drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle while unlicensed or for having a suspended/revoked driver's license
- A total of ten citations were issued

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

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on September 8, 2018 (Saturday), in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and related injuries on our streets and highways.

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

**Prepared by:** Senior Deputy Dan Ambarian

**Media Release Date:** August 28, 2018

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## Camarillo - Telephon Scams

8/29/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Telephone scams  
Location: City of Camarillo and neighboring areas  
Date & Time: Ongoing

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

Unknown Suspects

Narrative:

The Camarillo Police Department would like to warn the public about a current scam. Several residents have received phone calls from someone claiming they owe taxes and that if they don't pay the taxes over the phone they will be arrested. This is a SCAM!

This message and many others like it ultimately say that you owe money and will be arrested if you do not call the phone number they provide. The voice in the message may be robotic or artificially generated.

What to do: Do not call the number back. If you are not sure if it is a legitimate call, you may call your local police department and request to speak to someone about a potential scam. Or, if you have not lost any money or given any of your personal information, you can notify the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/> or call 877-382-4357.

If you have given out personal information, call the FTC at 877-438-4338.

If you experience any calls where you are suspicious that the caller is not legitimate, hang up. Do NOT give any personal information. You can perform an internet search on the number to determine if it is a robocall number. You may also be able to block the scammer from calling your phone (refer to your phone provider for more information).

There are many scams to be aware of and anytime anyone asks for you to pay with gift cards or asks for bank information, this is a major indicator that it is a scam. BE SAFE, contact your local law enforcement agency and ask! In Camarillo, call 805-388-5130 and ask to speak with Senior Deputy Virginia Tinoco.

You may find more information about scams at <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety>

Prepared by: Senior Deputy Mike Baker  
News Release Date: 08/28/2018  
Media Follow-Up Contact: Sr. Dep. Mike Baker  
Approved by: Sgt. Julie Novak

**Narcotics Arrest / Firearms Seizure**

8/29/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics Arrest / Firearms Seizure  
Report Number: 18-37691  
Location: 14300 Block of Burbank Blvd, Van Nuys  
Date & Time: 08/23/2018 @ 7:15 p.m.  
Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team

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

(S) Richard Kevin Riley

(S) Rhonda Harvey Van Nuys

Van Nuys

Narrative:

On 08/23/2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team concluded a four month narcotic investigation into the methamphetamine and heroin trafficking activities of Richard Kevin Riley by executing search warrants on his person, vehicles, and residence. On 8/23/18 at approximately 1915 hrs., detectives served a signed narcotic search warrant at Riley's residence, located in the 14300 Block of Burbank Blvd in the City of Van Nuys.

Riley and his wife Rhonda Harvey were encountered inside the residence and detained pursuant to the search warrant. A search of the residence revealed the seizure of over 3 pounds of methamphetamine, 6 ounces of heroin, and 3 gallons of Gamma Hydroxybutric Acid (GHB). Evidence of narcotic sales were also seized which included digital scales, packaging material, pay and owe records, and a large sum of cash deemed to be narcotic proceeds. In addition to the narcotics, numerous loaded weapons were found throughout the house, totaling 5 handguns, 2 rifles and an assault rifle.

Riley was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail on numerous narcotic and weapons violations. His bail was set at \$160,000 and remains in the custody of the Sheriff's Department. His next scheduled court appearance is set for 9/06/2018 at 1:30 pm in Court Room 12. Harvey was also booked into the Ventura County Jail where she remains in custody. Her bail was set at \$90,000 and her next scheduled court appearance is set for 8/29/2018 at 1:30 pm in Court Room 14.

The West County Street Narcotics Team is comprised of narcotic detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, The Port Hueneme Police Department and the Oxnard Police Department. The California National Guard Counter Drug Task Force assisted the West County Street Team with this investigation.

Prepared by: Detective Sergeant Guy Moody

News Release Date: 08/29/2018

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Approved by: Captain Robert Thomas

**Thousand Oaks - Man Arrested for Vandalizing Car With Urine**

8/31/2018 10:00:00 AM

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| <b>Nature of Incident:</b>  | Man Arrested for Vandalizing Neighbors Car with Urine                  |            |
| <b>Report Number:</b>   | 18-131365  |            |
| <b>Location:</b>  | 2800 Block of Amber Wood Place, Thousand Oaks                          |            |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>   | August 30, 2018 at 0730 hours  |            |
| <b>Unit Responsible:</b>  | Thousand Oaks Police Department Patrol / ECPS<br>Investigations Bureau |            |
| <b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims,<br/>(P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>   | <b>City of Residence</b>   | <b>Age</b> |
| (S) James Eddy Pierson  | Thousand Oaks  | 55         |
| (V) Elderly Male  | Thousand Oaks  | 72         |
| <b>Narrative:</b>   |  |            |
| <p>On August 22, 2018, Thousand Oaks Police Department patrol deputies responded to a vandalism call in the 2800 block of Amber Wood Place in the City of Thousand Oaks. Deputies contacted the elderly victim and discovered that someone had poured a large amount of urine on the victim's sport utility vehicle. Upon review of the victim's home surveillance video, the victim and the deputies identified the possible suspect as James Eddy Pierson as the person who committed the act.</p> <p>Thousand Oaks Police Department Detectives conducted an investigation and found that a similar previous incident occurred at the victim's house where a large amount of urine was poured on the victim's front door mat. The victim also reported to detectives that he was unable to remove all the urine from his vehicle due to it getting into the interior of the vehicle and causing damage. The estimated total damage caused to the victim's vehicle was approximately \$2000.00.</p> <p>Thousand Oaks Police Department Detectives obtained a search warrant for Pierson's residence. The search warrant was served on August 30, 2018, and detectives located evidence linking Pierson to the vandalism. In addition, evidence was located in Pierson's home indicating he was a methamphetamine user. Pierson was transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked for felony vandalism and elder abuse. Pierson's bail was set at \$25,000.00 and he is scheduled to be arraigned for the charges on September 4, 2018, in Ventura County Superior</p> |  |            |
| <b>Prepared by:</b>   | Sergeant Robert Davidson   |            |
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