

**Oak Park - Two Teens Arrested For Multiple Home Burglaries**

1/4/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Hot Prowl Burglary Suspects Arrested**

Report Number:

18-442

Location:

100 block of Conifer Circle, Oak Park Ca. 91377

Date & Time:

January 2, 2018 @ 1:00 a.m.

Unit Responsible:

**East County Patrol / East County Investigations**

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

Male juvenile Oak Park 15

Male juvenile Oak Park 16

Narrative:

On January 2, 2018, at approximately 1 a.m., Ventura County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Conifer Circle for a 911 call of a residential burglary in progress. The victim reported that unknown suspects were attempting to enter his residence through a rear slider door.

Several patrol deputies including a K9 responded to the location and located a male juvenile suspect nearby. In addition, property from another unreported residential burglary was also located. Detectives from the East County Patrol Services Investigations Bureau responded and conducted an investigation. As a result of the investigation, Detectives identified a second male juvenile suspect. Detectives conducted a probation search at this juvenile's residence and located additional property from another unreported burglary in the neighborhood. Detectives subsequently identified a total of six residences that had been burglarized. All of the burglaries were committed while the homeowners were asleep. Both juveniles were lodged into the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Center for multiple counts of residential burglary.

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**Captain Bill Schierman Detective Jason Louis**



**Guns, Drugs, and a False Report Lead to Arrest of Suspect**

1/5/2018 8:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Unlawful firearm activity, narcotics activity, false police report	
<b>Report Number:</b>	2017-199589	
<b>Location:</b>	Briggs Road north of Santa Paula Street	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	12/30/2017 8:00 PM	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Gang Unit, Fillmore Patrol, and California Highway Patrol	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Eric Escamilla	Ventura	37
<b>Narrative:</b> <i>Deputies from West County Patrol, Fillmore Station, responded to a report of shots fired from a moving vehicle in the area of Briggs Road, north of Santa Paula Street. Deputies checked the area and found no evidence of a weapon being fired. While checking the area, deputies made contact with officers from the California Highway Patrol who were investigating an overturned Dodge Ram in the same area. The officers advised that a large amount of narcotics, a loaded pistol magazine, and spent .40 caliber shell casings were found inside the vehicle.</i> <i>On 12/31/2017, Eric Escamilla attempted to report the Dodge Ram as a stolen vehicle to the Ventura Police Department. Escamilla was unable to provide sufficient information that the vehicle was stolen. Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit conducted a follow-up investigation at Escamilla's residence. During an interview with detectives, Escamilla admitted to driving the Dodge Ram while intoxicated and fleeing the scene after he was involved in a single vehicle traffic accident. Escamilla also admitted ownership to the narcotics, loaded pistol magazine, and spent .40 caliber shell casings found in his vehicle.</i>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Detective John Lemar	
<b>News Release Date:</b>	January 5, 2018	
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**Ojai - Upcoming Winter Storm**

1/5/2018 6:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Upcoming Winter Storm**

Location:

**Thomas Fire Burn Area**

Date & Time:

1/5/18

Unit(s) Responsible:

**Ventura County Sheriff's Office / Ojai Police Department**

Narrative:

Are you prepared' With disasters across the nation and most recently our fire here, it is important more now than ever to make sure we have planned accordingly.

Next week is forecasted to bring the first significant rain of the season to Ventura County. Some weather stations are predicting up to an inch of rain along the coast and up to two inches in the mountains. With the recent Thomas Fire burning away most of the ground cover in the Fillmore, Ojai, Santa Paula and the Ventura foothills, the risk of flooding and mudslides is significant.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has prepared a short video to remind residents of the danger of flooding, swift water and mudslides. The name of the video is 'Turn Around, Don't Drown' (Link below). The Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to stay away from fast moving water and to prepare in the affected areas. If anyone observes an emergency, please call 911 and NOT

**DOgo in the water yourself.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNv3luMh6ek>

For additional information on preparing, planning and disaster information, please visit the 'Ready Ventura County' website.

<http://www.readyventuracounty.org/>

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News Release Date:

1/5/18

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Approved by:

**Capt. James Fryhoff #2699**

**Countywide - Community Preparation for Significant Rainstorm**

1/8/2018 8:00:00 AM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Community preparation for significant rainstorm**

**Location:**

**Thomas Fire burn area ' Western Ventura County**

**Date & Time:**

**Jan. 8, 2018**

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

**Department, Ventura County Public Works, County Chief Executive Office**

**Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, Ventura County Fire**

**Narrative:**

Monday, January 8, 2018 will usher in the first significant storm for Southern California this season. As the storm has moved closer to the region, the rainfall rates have been estimated to bring intensities of a half inch to one inch per hour in the foothills of Western Ventura County overnight Monday into Tuesday between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. That time period is expected to be the peak of the storm with rain tapering off after 6:00 am Tuesday. Additional rain with possible high intensity short term downpours could be seen throughout Tuesday.

Many areas in the county are susceptible to mudslides even without the impact the Thomas Fire has had on hillsides. The Thomas Fire has stripped hundreds of square miles of mountains and hillsides leaving no vegetation to hold the soil in place. According to geologists who have surveyed the burn area, Monday's storm could bring enough rain to cause mud and debris flows in areas that were impacted by the Thomas Fire. Members of the community need to be aware that debris flows can occur suddenly and without warning.

In anticipation of this and other storms this season, inmates at the Todd Road Jail have been steadily filling sandbags at the rate of 2,000 per day. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has also acquired 40,000 surplus sandbags from the Department of Defense to distribute to the public

during this rainy season. Ventura County Public Works has purchased additional sandbags and they will be available to the public for free, so residents and business owners can help to protect their properties from mud and debris flows. The sandbags are being distributed through Ventura County fire stations in and around the Thomas Fire burn area, and they will have supplies on hand so residents can also fill sandbags in the event the pre-filled bags run out. Residents can get sandbags from local fire stations during normal business hours. When they are not involved in an emergency response, firefighters will be available to assist residents.

For city of Ventura residents, free sand and sandbags are available (

- City of Ventura, Sanjon Maintenance Yard, 336 Sanjon Road (public parking lot)

- Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road (lower lot)

*while supplies last) at:*

*Residents are asked to bring their own shovel.*

*The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will open their Emergency Operations Center Monday morning, and has held planning meetings in advance of this rain event with our partner agencies,*

*such as the Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Public Works, County Chief Executive Office, city leaders throughout the region, and the American Red Cross.*

*Residents need to be prepared to evacuate if necessary. We had great success with our notification systems during the Thomas Fire, but no system is perfect. Be aware, stay tuned-in and help your neighbors, friends and families stay up to date. If evacuations are necessary the initial Red Cross shelter location will be at the Ventura County Fairgrounds ' 10 W Harbor Blvd, Ventura*

*During Monday's rainstorm, residents can get the most up-to-date information about road closures and any areas impacted by the storm at the following website:*

*<http://www.vcemergency.com/>*

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

*<http://venturacountyrecovers.org/category/rain-ready/>*

*The website also contains an interactive map produced by the United States Geological Survey that shows the potential debris flow hazard for areas in and around the Thomas Fire burn area.*

*Be sure to sign up for emergencies.*

*City of Ventura residents can go to*

*City of Ojai residents can go to*

*[www.vcalert.org](http://www.vcalert.org) for direct notification on evacuations and others [www.cityofventura.ca.gov](http://www.cityofventura.ca.gov) for local information. [www.ojaicity.org](http://www.ojaicity.org)*

*City of Santa Paula residents can go to*

*[www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us/](http://www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us/)*

*Prepared by:*

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*Approved by:*

**Sheriff Geoff Dean**

**###**

**Oak Park - Overdue Hiker Found Safe**

1/8/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Overdue Hiker**

Report Number:

18-3669

Location:

**China Flat Trail / King James Trailhead**

Date & Time:

January 7, 2018 / 6:30 pm

Unit(s) Responsible:

**East Valley Search and Rescue Team**

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

(P) Brandon Deshotel Oak Park 19

Narrative:

On January 7, 2018, at about 6:30 pm, Brandon Deshotel made a 911 call and reported he was lost in the area of China Flats, just north of Oak Park. Deshotel was only able to provide limited information to the Sheriff's Communication Center before his cellular phone lost power. However, based on his call, a GPS location was obtained.

At about 6:45 pm, the East Valley Search and Rescue Team was activated and responded to the area to search for Deshotel. Twelve volunteer members accessed China Flats from different directions in an effort to cordon off a search area based on the GPS location. At about 8:30 pm, search and Rescue members heard Deshotel yelling for help. Deshotel was located off the trail, south of the China Flat trail. Search and Rescue members had to hike through overgrown vegetation to access Deshotel who was in good health. Deshotel was driven out of the area and returned to his vehicle at the King James Trailhead.

The East Valley Search and Rescue Team wants to remind anyone enjoying the open spaces of Ventura County to remember to file a hiking plan. In addition to a hiking plan, always remember to take the ten essentials: navigation (map and compass), sun protection, extra clothing, flashlight, first-aid supplies, fire (waterproof matches or lighter), multi-tool, food, water, and an emergency shelter. Hiking plans are available for download at

[www.vcsar3.org](http://www.vcsar3.org).

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**Captain Romano Bassi**

**Arrest Made in Solicitation of Murder for Hire Plot**

1/9/2018 4:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Arrest Made in Solicitation of Murder for Hire Plot**

Report Number:

17-173702

Location:

**Pre-Trial Detention Facility / 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA**

Date & Time:

01/08/2018 at 1030 hours

Unit(s) Responsible:

Bureau

**Pre-Trial Detention Facility Classification Unit; Sheriff's Major Crimes**

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

(S) David Kenneth Beech, Simi Valley, 58

(V-1) Female, Ventura County, 49

(V-2) Female, Ventura County, 24

(V-3) Female, Ventura County, 24

(V-4) Female, Ventura County, 62

Narrative:

An inmate incarcerated at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility was arrested yesterday for solicitation of murder. David Beech was already in custody for possession of child pornography and multiple counts of committing lewd acts against children. Among his intended targets of the murder plot were victims of his previous sexual assaults.

In October 2017, investigators received information revealing Beech intended to have several people murdered. The information prompted an investigation by the Classification Unit and the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau.

Investigators learned Beech went through a series of calculated steps and overt acts to carry out his plan, which included the solicitation and employment of a 'hitman' to perpetrate the crimes on

his behalf. Unbeknownst to Beech, the individual he subsequently hired to commit the murders was actually an undercover police officer.

Investigators determined Beech's motivation to have these individuals murdered was so they would be unable to testify in his trial and, therefore, his current charges would be dropped. The likely result would have led to Beech's release from custody.

Following Beech's arrest, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office has filed four counts of solicitation of murder. Beech's arraignment on those charges is pending.

Beech, a 58-year-old Simi Valley resident, has been in custody since January 9, 2015 awaiting

trial on the charges of child pornography and lewd acts. His bail has been set at \$1.4 million.

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Captain Jeff Miller; Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

**Camarillo - Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested**

1/9/2018 4:15:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Arrest of Bank Robbery Suspect**

**Report Number:**

**17-131745**

**Location:**

**Citibank; 400 block of Arneill Road, Camarillo, CA**

**Date & Time:**

**12-28-17 @ 10:20 A.M.**

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

**Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau**

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

**S- Erik Santoyo Camarillo 31**

**Narrative:**

On 12-28-17, Sheriff's Major Crimes detectives arrested Erik Santoyo for an armed bank robbery that occurred on 08-31-17, at the Citibank branch located in the 400 block of Arneill Road in Camarillo. Santoyo was arrested at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura where he was already in custody for a separate bank robbery that occurred at the Ventura County Credit Union in the city of Moorpark on 12-15-17.

On 08-31-17, Camarillo patrol deputies responded to a call of an armed bank robbery at the Citibank branch. It was discovered that a white or Hispanic male entered the bank and produced a hand written note demanding money. During the robbery, the suspect displayed a semiautomatic handgun to the bank teller and fled with cash. Sheriff's Major Crimes detectives responded to investigate the robbery.

On 12-15-17, another bank robbery occurred at the Ventura County Credit Union in Moorpark. Based on evidence located at the scene of the Moorpark robbery, Erik Santoyo was quickly identified as a suspect. Major Crimes detectives identified several similarities between Santoyo and the suspect in the Citibank robbery. Major Crimes detectives worked in conjunction with investigators from the Sheriff's East County station to locate Santoyo and take him into custody. Search warrants were served at several locations related to Santoyo and evidence linking him to both robberies was recovered.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has filed one felony count of armed robbery against Santoyo for the Citibank robbery. He appeared in court on 12-29-17 and entered a plea of not guilty. His next court appearance is scheduled for 01-19-18. His bail has been set at \$50,000.

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**01-09-18**

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**###**

**Captain Jeff Miller Bureau**

**Camarillo - Public's Help Needed to Identify Vehicle Tampering Suspect**

1/9/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Attempt to Identify Vehicle Tampering Suspect**

Report Number:

17-194772

Location:

**Camarillo**

Date & Time:

**December 21, 2017 / 0630 hours**

Unit(s) Responsible:

**Camarillo Police Department - Investigations**

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

**S-1 Unknown Male Unknown 30-40**

Narrative:

The Camarillo Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a vehicle tampering suspect.

On 12/21/17, an unidentified male was captured on surveillance cameras prowling through an apartment complex parking lot located on Stonegate Road, in Camarillo. Surveillance footage capture the male checking if cars are unlocked by pulling on various vehicle door handles. The male was described as a Hispanic male, between 30 and 40 years old, with a goatee, a mustache, and black glasses.

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

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

better at what we do because of our community partnerships. Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, on Facebook with our Official Page, VCSHERIFF on Instagram, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories

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**Sergeant John Franchi**

Approved by:

**Captain Paris**

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**Thousand Oaks - Driver's License / DUI Checkpoint**

1/9/2018 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Driver's License/DUI Checkpoint**

**Location:**

**Thousand Oaks, CA**

**Date & Time:**

**January 13, 2018 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Police - 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 January 13, 2018 at an undisclosed location(s) within the city limits.**

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

**The Thousand Oaks Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that 'DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze.' If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.**

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

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

**In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Locally, over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 8 lives and resulted in 91 injury crashes harming 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 are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or 'DDVIP,' free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

For more information about DDVIP, visit:

<http://www.ots.ca.gov/pdf/DDVIP-App.pdf>

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 Drivers ' Call 9-1-1'.

Prepared by:

**Carl Patterson, Sergeant**

News Story Date:

**January 9, 2018**

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**Captain Don Aguilar**

**Thousand Oaks - Man Arrested for Kidnapping, Sexual Assault, Impersonation of a Police Officer**

1/9/2018 6:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Kidnap / Sexual Assault/ Impersonation of a Police Officer**

**Report Number:**

**18-2234**

**Location:**

**City of Thousand Oaks**

**Date & Time:**

**January 5, 2018 @ 12:30 a.m.**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Police Department**

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

(S) Menjivar, Andy Guadalupe, Canoga Park, Ca. 21

(V) Adult, Female, Thousand Oaks, Ca. 18

**Narrative:**

On January 5, 2018, at about 12:30 a.m., deputies assigned to the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to a call for service where an adult female reported she was sexually assaulted by a male she met on social media. An ensuing investigation led to the arrest of 21 year old Andy Menjivar.

The incident began when the female victim made arrangements to meet with Menjivar in the area of Lynn Rd and Janss Rd. in the City of Thousand Oaks. The victim drove to the location where she met Menjivar. Menjivar identified himself as a police officer then drove the victim to a parking lot where he sexually assaulted her. The victim was driven back to her car and released.

Numerous detectives responded for the investigation and were able to locate the suspect as he left an apartment complex in the 8000 block of Variel Ave, Los Angeles. Investigators arrested Menjivar and booked him into the Ventura County Jail.

On January 9

intent to commit sexual assault and one count of sexual assault under color of authority by impersonating a police officer.

Menjivar remains in custody and his bail has been set at \$500,000.00. If convicted on all

th, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office filled one count of kidnap with the

charges, Menjivar could potentially face a sentence of fifteen years to life in prison.

**Prepared by:**

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**Captain Bill Schierman**

## Thousand Oaks - Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Planned

1/9/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

## Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Planned

Location:

Thousand Oaks, CA

Date & Time:

January 10, 2018 7:00am- 2:00 pm

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police - Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

**Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Planned**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will step up pedestrian safety enforcement operations on Wednesday Jan 10, 2018 with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists and pedestrians. Routine traffic patrols will focus efforts in trouble spots while special targeted patrols will also be deployed to crackdown on drivers and pedestrians who violate traffic laws meant to protect all roadway users.

The department has mapped out locations over the past several years where pedestrian involved collisions have occurred along with the violations that led to those crashes. Officers will be looking for traffic offenses made by drivers and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, driving distracted, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks or any other dangerous violation. Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or intersections.

Pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use non-motorized means of transportation. In 2016, California witnessed 867 pedestrian deaths accounting for nearly 24 percent of all roadway fatalities, much higher than the national average of 15 percent.

A national study reveals that pedestrians and drivers do not obey laws and signals consistently and many often use cell phones, text and listen to music while walking or driving. Only 60 percent of pedestrians said they expected drivers to stop when they were in crosswalks, even though they have the right-of-way. The following safety tips can save lives and stop this tragedy witnessed far too often in Thousand Oaks:

Drivers can:

- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions such as at night or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Stop at the crosswalk stop line to give drivers in other lanes an opportunity to see and yield to the

pedestrians too.

- Be cautious when backing up ' pedestrians, especially young children, can move across your path.

**Pedestrians can:**

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road, cross at crosswalks or intersections, and obey signs and signals.

- Walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible if there is no sidewalk.

- Pay attention to the traffic moving around you. This is not the time to be texting or talking on a cell phone.

- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.

- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials (or use a flashlight) at night.

- Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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**Captain Don Aguilar**

**Camarillo - Wanted Felon/Gang Member Arrested for Grand Theft**

1/11/2018 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:** Arrest of Wanted Felon/ Active Gang Member

**Report Number:** 18-2101

**Location:** Camarillo

**Date & Time:** January 4, 2018 / 1930 hours

**Unit(s) Responsible:** Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail

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

S-1 Raymond Quintana

**City of Residence**

Oxnard

**Age**

40

**Narrative:**

Detectives from the Camarillo Police Department's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) arrested a wanted felon and active Oxnard gang member for stealing high-end hand bags from a retail store, located at the Camarillo Outlet mall.

On 01/04/18, a Hispanic male subject entered the Michael Kors store at the Camarillo Outlets and stole property valued at \$1,660. An alert citizen witnessed the incident and provided law enforcement with the license plate number of the car the suspect left in.

Over the course of the next two days, the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail followed up with the information provided by the citizen. Evidence gathered during the investigation indicated Raymond Quintana, a wanted felon and active Oxnard gang member, was responsible for the theft, at Michael Kors.

On 01/06/18, Oxnard Police Department officers located Quintana and arrested him for P.C. 487(a) ' Grand Theft. During a search of the vehicle Quintana was driving at the time of his arrest, officers located one of the items stolen from Michael Kors. Camarillo SED detectives subsequently booked Quintana, into the Ventura County Sheriff's Main Jail.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is proud of the partnership we have with our community members and look forward to working together to keep our communities safer.

**Prepared by:** Detective Gerardo Cruz

**News Release Date:** 01/11/2018

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**Approved by:**

Captain Paris

###

**Moorpark - Two Arrested for Identity Theft Laboratory Operation**

1/12/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Arrest and seizure of Identity Theft Laboratory**

Report Number:

**2017-189083**

Location:

**28900 Block of Crest drive, Agoura Hills**

Date & Time:

**January 18th, 2018, 0600 hours**

Unit(s) Responsible:

County Narcotics detectives, Thousand oaks Investigations Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ' Jail Intelligence Unit

**Moorpark Sheriff's Patrol Bureau, Moorpark Investigations Bureau, East**

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

(A) Laura Lyons Agoura Hills 29

(A) Ewao Butler Los Angeles 31

Narrative:

On December 10

of a possible shoplifting in progress at a local Department Store in the City of Moorpark. Upon their arrival, deputies spoke with Store Loss Prevention and learned they were monitoring three individuals they suspected were committing identity theft, by using forged or fictitious credit cards.

The three subjects were detained and ultimately arrested by the deputies on outstanding arrest warrants and unrelated drug charges. All three subjects were booked at the Ventura County Jail. During their arrest, patrol deputies located and seized evidence from the suspects that suggested

they were involved in identity theft.

The case was forwarded to the Moorpark Investigations Bureau, who initiated an investigation. During the course of their investigation, which lasted about four weeks, detectives and investigators uncovered a significant amount of identity theft tied to the suspects. The type of identity theft that was committed by the suspects was technical and showed a high degree of sophistication. During their investigation, detectives authored a search warrant for a residence in

the neighboring community of Agoura Hills in Los Angeles County. During the preparation for the

search warrant, detectives learned that the Jail Intelligence Unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was investigating the same suspects and was preparing a search warrant for

the same residence, as well as a neighboring residence, for an unrelated narcotics investigation.

th, 2017, patrol deputies from the Moorpark Sheriff's Station responded to a call

As a result, the investigation became a collaborative effort between the LA County Sheriff's Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. On January 11 investigators from the LA County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at one of the residences while detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office simultaneously served a search warrant at the neighboring address. In total, 12 persons were detained between both addresses.

The search warrant resulted in the arrest of four individuals by investigators from the LA County Sheriff's Department for narcotics charges and outstanding arrest warrants. Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office arrested three individuals for identity theft related charges.

Detectives from Ventura County also obtained a significant amount of evidence to support the furthering of their identity theft investigation, including embossers, skimmers, computers and blank credit cards.

Ewao Butler of Los Angeles was arrested for several identity theft related charges and is being held at the Ventura County jail in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail. Laura Lyons of Agoura Hills also was arrested for several identity theft related charges and is being held at the Ventura County jail in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail. A third individual was arrested but later released with no charges.

The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are expected in this case.

th, 2018, deputies and

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January 12, 2018

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Approved by:

Captain John Reilly

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**Nyeland Acres - Gang Members Arrested for Robbery of Pizza Delivery Employee**

1/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Domino's Pizza Delivery Robbery**

Report Number:

**17-184473**

Location:

**300 Block of Almond Drive, Nyeland Acres**

Date & Time:

**12/01/17 @ 2200 hours**

Unit(s) Responsible:

Gang Unit

**West County Patrol, Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail, and Sheriff's**

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

(S) Jose Ramirez Oxnard 21

(S) Enrique Chavarria Nyeland Acres 18

(S) Juvenile Male Camarillo 15

(V) Male Adult Camarillo 19

Narrative:

On 12-01-2017, at approximately 2200 hours, deputies assigned to the Headquarters Patrol Station

responded to the 3000 block of Almond Drive in Nyeland Acres reference a robbery. The victim was a

Domino's Pizza Delivery Person who was at the location delivering a pizza order.

The victim was approached by the three male suspects. During the encounter, the suspects physically

assaulted the victim and took the pizza. All three suspects fled the area following the robbery.

The victim

attempted to follow the suspects, but stopped after two of the suspects threatened him with a knife and a

handgun. The suspects were last seen running on Almond Drive from the area.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit responded to assist with the investigation. Through the course of

the investigation and the execution of a search warrant, all three of the suspects were identified.

On

1/3/2018, the three suspects were arrested. During the arrest of Jose Ramirez, a large quantity of methamphetamine was located in his truck. Detectives also identified all three subjects as gang members

from an Oxnard criminal street gang.

Jose Ramirez was booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for PC 211/ Second Degree Robbery, PC

182(a)(1) / Conspiracy, PC 186.22(a) / Street Terrorism and HS 11378 Possession of a Controlled Substance. Enrique Chavarria was booked for PC 211/ Second Degree Robbery, PC 182(a)(1) / Conspiracy and PC 186.22(a) / Street Terrorism. Jose and Enrique are being held on \$500,000 bail. The

juvenile was lodged for PC 211/ Second Degree Robbery, PC 182(a)(1) / Conspiracy and PC 186.22(a) /

Street Terrorism.

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**01/12/18**

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**Captain Todd Inglis**

**Thousand Oaks - Possible Decades-Old Explosive Found in Residential Neighborhood**

1/16/2018 4:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Possible Underground Construction Explosive Found in Residential Neighborhood
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-8252
<b>Location:</b>	1500 Block Adele Place, Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	01/16/2018 @ 11:40 AM
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff Bomb Team
<b>Narrative:</b>	<p>On January 16, 2018, construction crews were trenching the street in the 1500 block of Adele Place when they located a possible underground construction related explosive. The construction crew immediately notified the Thousand Oaks Police Department.</p> <p>Officers with the Thousand Oaks Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Team responded. The material was stabilized and made safe. No property or persons are in danger at this time and no evacuations are necessary.</p> <p>Investigators determined the explosive was left behind from construction that occurred around 1973. Specialized equipment is being brought in for further evaluation and safe removal of the material.</p> <p>The neighborhood is open for normal activity; however, the cul-de-sac is restricted to residents only. Residents will be updated regularly.</p>
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Commander Tim Hagel

**Ventura Man Arrested for Narcotics Sales**

1/16/2018 1:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Narcotics Arrest	
<b>Report Number:</b>	17-164556	
<b>Location:</b>	300 block of Wall Street, Ventura, California	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	01/11/2018 @ 1830	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Unit California National Guard Counter Drug Task Force	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Karl Brooks	Ventura	47
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On 01/11/2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Narcotic's Team concluded a two month narcotic investigation into Ventura resident, Karl Brooks, who was involved in the sales of illegal narcotics to residents of Ventura County.</p> <p>Detectives detained and arrested Brooks on a traffic stop in the City of Ventura just before executing a search warrant at his residence. The California National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force assisted with the investigation.</p> <p>During a search of Brooks' residence, Detectives located approximately a half pound of methamphetamine packaged for sale, narcotics paraphernalia indicative of narcotics sales and a large amount of currency deemed to be proceeds of illegal narcotic sales.</p> <p>Brooks was booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for numerous narcotic violations. His bail is set at \$70,000 and he remains in-custody pending bail or arraignment which is scheduled for 01/16/18 in courtroom 14.</p> <p>The West County Narcotic's Team is comprised of Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Oxnard Police Department, and the Port Hueneme Police Department.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sergeant Guy Moody	
<b>News Release Date:</b>	1-16-2018	
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Robert Thomas	

**Camarillo - Investigators Seeking Public's Help to Identify Robbery Suspect**

1/17/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Camarillo Outlet Strong Arm Robbery**

Report Number:

18-5283

Location:

600 Block of Ventura Blvd

Date & Time:

1-10-2018 at 4:52PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

**Camarillo Investigations**

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

(S) Unknown Male Unknown 18-21

Narrative:

The Camarillo Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying a male suspect who injured a female store employee during the commission of a felony.

On 1-10-18, a lone Hispanic male entered a store in the Camarillo Outlets and stole several pairs of designer sunglasses. The sunglasses had a total value of over \$1,000. Store employees confronted the thief before he left the store. The suspect knocked one of the female employees to ground, injuring her, and then fled to the passenger side of a waiting car and left the area.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, early to late twenties with dark brown curly hair, an unshaven face, goatee and mustache. The suspect is about 5'2' tall and weighs about 130 pounds and was wearing a grey long sleeved button up shirt and dark pants.

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

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1-17-2018

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**Detective Miller**

Approved by:

**Captain Jeremy Paris**

Ventura

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**Fillmore Police to Host Public Safety Academy**

1/17/2018 2:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Fillmore Public Safety Academy**

**Location:**

**City Of Fillmore**

**Date & Time:**

**Begins 2-21-18 at 7:00 PM**

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

**Fillmore Police Department**

**Narrative:**

**Beginning Wednesday, February 21**

Sheriff's Office will be holding a 12-week Public Safety Academy for the community. The academy is designed to provide community members with an inside look at law enforcement, first

responders, the criminal justice system, and other public safety agencies.

The program will allow students to meet with members of the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fillmore Fire Department, Ventura County Superior Court, District Attorney's Office, and Probation Department and discuss relevant issues affecting our community.

Classes will be held Wednesday nights, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at the Active Adult Center, 533 Santa Clara Ave. Spanish translation services will be provided upon request. For an application, requirements, and additional information, please go to the Fillmore Police Department.

st, 2018, the Fillmore Police Department and Ventura County [www.fillmoreca.com](http://www.fillmoreca.com) or contact

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**Approved by:**

**###**

**Captain Dave Wareham**

**Saticoy - Suspect Fires Gunshot at Man in Parked Vehicle**

1/17/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Shooting in Saticoy**

Report Number:

18-7891

Location:

11300 block of Violeta Street

Date & Time:

01/15/18 @ 04:56 PM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Sheriff's Gang Unit

Headquarters Patrol, Headquarters Detectives, Major Crimes Bureau,

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

(V) Male Saticoy 34

Narrative:

On January 15, 2018, at approximately 1655 hours, patrol deputies and detectives responded to a shooting in the 11300 block of Violeta Street located in the community of Saticoy. Deputies discovered the victim was seated inside his parked vehicle when a silver colored sedan stopped a short distance away from the victim. While the victim continued to sit inside his vehicle, an unknown male suspect exited the silver vehicle with a shotgun and fired a single round at the victim's front windshield. The suspect got back into the silver vehicle and fled westbound from the location. A canvass search of the area revealed a residence, a short distance away, had damage consistent with being struck by a gunshot round. There were no injuries sustained as a result of the shotgun round being fired.

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01/16/18

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Captain Todd Inglis

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**Saticoy - Wanted Gang Member Arrested After Pursuit**

1/17/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Arrest of Wanted Gang Member	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-8350	
<b>Location:</b>	Community of Saticoy	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	1/16/18 @ 2:55 PM	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Headquarters Patrol and the Sheriff's Gang Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Collin Potter	Ventura	22
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>Recently, members of the Sheriff's Gang Unit have been working in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation monitoring individuals on parole and/or involved with the Post Release Offender Supervision (PROS) program.</p> <p>On 1/16/18, members of the Sheriff's Gang Unit observed Collin Potter, a known gang member, driving a vehicle in the community of Saticoy. Potter is currently being monitored as part of the Post Release Offender Supervision program and was wanted for a violation of felony probation.</p> <p>Deputies attempted to contact Potter by initiating a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle. Potter failed to stop and a short vehicle pursuit ensued through the residential neighborhoods of East Ventura. During the pursuit, Potter's vehicle collided with an unoccupied parked vehicle. Soon after colliding with the parked vehicle, Potter lost control of his vehicle and struck a brick wall near Telephone Road and Gardner Avenue.</p> <p>Potter fled on foot and as deputies chased him, he was seen discarding a large quantity of narcotics. After a brief foot pursuit, Potter was apprehended by deputies and arrested for vehicle evading, hit and run driving, resisting arrest, unlicensed driving, various narcotics charges and the violation of felony probation.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Detective Ebell	
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**Thousand Oaks - DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Results Released**

1/17/2018 4:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results	
<b>Location:</b>		City of Thousand Oaks	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		January 13, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.	
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>		Thousand Oaks Police-Traffic Bureau	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>	
(S) Serup, Stephen	Moorpark	43	
(S) Mosser, Jennifer	Van Nuys	44	
<b>Narrative:</b>			
<p>January DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint</p> <p>On January 13, 2018, the Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI / Driver's License checkpoint at two locations in the City of Thousand Oaks. Two arrests for DUI were made. Traffic citations were also issued to several drivers.</p> <p>The first location was eastbound Hampshire Road at Westlake Blvd. The second location was westbound Lynn Road at Capitan Street. 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.</p> <p>In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Thousand Oaks Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.</p> <p>Studies of California drivers have shown that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.</p>			

During the listed Checkpoint Operation the following occurred:

- ' 464 vehicles were screened
- ' 2 DUI (adult) arrest-alcohol suspected
- ' 0 DUI (adult) drug impaired arrests
- ' 0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- ' 5 Drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle while unlicensed or suspended/revoked
- ' A total of 8 citations were issued

Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or "DDVIP," free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb. For more information, visit <http://www.ots.ca.gov/pdf/DDVIP-App.pdf>.

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

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on March 24, 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 Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1.'

**Prepared by:**

**Carl Patterson, Sergeant**

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**January 17, 2018**

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**Capt. Don Aguilar**

**Thousand Oaks - Three Women Arrested for Gym Locker Room Theft and Auto Theft**

1/17/2018 4:30:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Three Women Arrested For Gym Locker Room Theft and Auto Theft.**

**Report Number:**

**17-192085**

**Location:**

**280 Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks Ca. 91360**

**Date & Time:**

**January 9, 2017 @ 2250 Hours**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Investigations Bureau**

**Thousand Oaks Police Department / East County Patrol Services**

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

(S) Crawford, Ashley Agoura Hills 31

(S) Clements, Courtney Agoura Hills 33

(S) Henning, Jerica Valencia 29

(V) Adult Female Thousand Oaks 23

**Narrative:**

A month-long investigation involving the theft of personal property, theft of a vehicle, and identity

theft, culminated in the arrest of the three criminal conspirators.

On December 15, 2017 at approximately 2008 hours, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Department responded to the Janss Mall for a reported vehicle theft in progress.

The victim reported that she arrived at the Golds Gym at approximately 1925 hours to work out.

The victim placed her personal belongings, including her wallet and car keys, into an unlocked locker in the women's locker room. The victim completed her workout and went to retrieve her personal belongings discovering that they were missing. The victim quickly ran out to the nearby

parking structure and saw an unknown female driving away in her silver 2010 Kia Forte.

The victim subsequently discovered that her credit cards were fraudulently used in nearby businesses. Deputies conducted an initial investigation and were able to obtain surveillance footage of a suspect using the stolen credit cards. The victim positively identified the person recorded in the surveillance video as the suspect who stole her car.

Investigators from the Thousand Oaks Police Department were able to identify the suspect as Ashley Crawford of Agoura Hills. On January 9, 2018, Detectives conducted surveillance on Crawford and followed her to the JC Penny's department store located in the Oaks Mall. During

the surveillance, Detectives observed Crawford steal numerous items of clothing from the store. Detectives coordinated with patrol personnel and arrested Crawford for shoplifting. A search of her vehicle uncovered several stolen credit cards and a small amount of heroin. In addition, Crawford had active warrants out of Los Angeles County for petty theft and possession of other people's personal identifying information. She was booked into the Ventura County Jail. On January 10, 2018, detectives located the victim's vehicle at a residence in Agoura Hills. During the investigation, they contacted Courtney Clements and determined she possessed the stolen vehicle. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence and located additional stolen property. Clements, who also had a felony warrant for grand theft out of Kern County, was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail. Shortly after Clements arrest, detectives identified Jerica Henning as a third suspect involved in the thefts. On January 16, 2018, detectives located and arrested Henning in the City of Santa Clarita. Upon arrest, Henning was found to be in possession of one of the victims' identification cards. Henning was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail. All three subjects remain in custody awaiting trial.

Prepared by:

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**Captain Bill Schierman**

**Thousand Oaks - Five Arrested for Gang-Related Assault**

1/18/2018 12:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Five Arrested for Involvement in Assault with a Deadly Weapon Case**

**Report Number:**

**RB# 17-192029**

**Location:**

**Avenida Del Platino and Calle Diamonte in Newbury Park**

**Date & Time:**

**December 15, 2017 / 5:40 PM**

**Unit Responsible:**

**Thousand Oaks Police Special Enforcement and Major Crimes Units**

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

- (S) Joe Higareda Simi Valley 21
- (S) Fabian Higareda Simi Valley 20
- (S) Alexis Martinez Thousand Oaks 28
- (S) Jessica Macias Newbury Park 21
- (S) Juvenile Male Thousand Oaks 17
- (V) Juvenile Male Newbury Park 17
- (V) Adult Male Newbury Park 18
- (V) Adult Male Newbury Park 24

**Narrative:**

Five people have been arrested for their suspected involvement in a gang-related assault that sent two victims to the hospital.

On the evening of December 15, 2017, there was a small gathering of people in the area of Avenida Del Platino and Calle Diamonte in Newbury Park. The gathering was described as an informal memorial service for David Smith who was shot and killed in the same area on November 30, 2017. An argument began during the gathering and several suspected gang members assaulted three non-gang members. One victim was attending the gathering and the other two came to the aid of the first victim. During the assault one victim was cut with a sharp object, another suffered a serious injury to his mouth and the third was badly beaten. The victims with the cut wound and mouth injury were both transported to the Los Robles Hospital where they were treated for their injuries and released. The subsequent investigation led to the identification of four suspects who were involved in the assault and one suspect who made statements during the incident intended to intimidate the victims and prevent them from cooperating with the police.

On January 4, 2018, Jessica Macias and a male juvenile were arrested in Newbury Park for assault with a deadly weapon and gang allegation charges. Macias was booked into the

Ventura County Jail and later released on bail. The male juvenile was lodged into Juvenile Hall where he remains in custody awaiting trial.

On January 12, 2018, Joe Higareda and Alexis Martinez were arrested in Simi Valley for assault with a deadly weapon and gang enhancement charges. Both were booked into the Ventura County Jail where they remain in custody awaiting trial. Fabian Higareda was arrested in Simi Valley this same day for dissuading a witness and gang enhancement charges. He was booked into the Ventura County Jail and later released pending further investigation.

Prepared by:

**Sgt. John Wright**

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**January 18, 2018**

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**Sr. Deputy Gabriel Gonzales**

Approved by:

**Captain Bill Schierman**

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**Oxnard - Detectives Arrest Two Men For Illegal Possession of Firearms**

1/19/2018 8:30:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		Possession of Illegal Firearms Arrests
<b>Report Number:</b>		18-8747
<b>Location:</b>		City of Oxnard/1900 Block of N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Place, City of Port Hueneme
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		01/17/2018 @ 10:00 AM
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>		Special Crimes Unit/Sheriff's Gang Unit
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) John Flores (S) Camilo Zamora	Oxnard Oxnard	49 58
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>During the month of January 2018, detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation that led to the arrests of two subjects and the recovery of ten illegally possessed firearms.</p> <p>On January 17, 2018, detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation involving the illegal sales and transfer of firearms. Detectives identified John Flores and Camilo Zamora as the two subjects involved. Detectives subsequently contacted Flores and Zamora in the City of Oxnard and arrested them after a brief vehicle and foot pursuit. Detectives recovered several firearms during the contact. Additionally, Flores possessed a small amount of heroin and syringes used to inject it.</p> <p>Detectives later executed a search warrant in the 1900 Block of North 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the City of Port Hueneme, where detectives seized several additional firearms and ammunition. Detectives followed up on information and searched a second location in the City of Oxnard. Detectives seized a total of ten firearms, which included six handguns and four rifles. Based on the investigation, detectives determined Flores and Zamora both have extensive criminal histories which include felony convictions that prohibit them from owning and or possessing any firearms or ammunition. Additionally, they are both on active Ventura County probation for various charges.</p>		
<p>11350(a)-Possession of a controlled substance, 11364(a)-Possession of drug paraphernalia and Vehicle Code section 2800.2(a)-Felony evading. Zamora's charges include violations of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1)-Felon in possession of firearm, 30305(a)(1)-Felon in possession of ammunition, 25400(a)(3)-Carry concealed firearm in vehicle and 148(a)1)-Resist, obstruct or delay a police officer. Flores' and Zamora's bail was set at \$200,000.00. They are currently in custody awaiting court proceedings. The investigation into the recovered firearms is ongoing.</p>		

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**Oxnard - Narcotics Search Warrant - Social Media Clarification**

1/19/2018 8:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Narcotics Investigation ' Social Media Clarification	
<b>Report Number:</b>	17-184158	
<b>Location:</b>	4600 Block Saviers Road, Oxnard, California	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	January 19, 2018 @ 7:20 am	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Ventura County Sheriff's West County Street Narcotics Team Oxnard Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Team California National Guard ' Counter Drug Task Force	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (A) Arrstee</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Juan Nava	Oxnard	60
(A) Daniel Nava	Oxnard	24
(A) Rigoberto Ramirez	Oxnard	37
(A) Jose Morales	Oxnard	49
(A) Freddy Servin	Oxnard	37
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>OXNARD, Ca., On January 19, 2018, detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Narcotic's Team concluded a two-month-long narcotic investigation into Oxnard resident, Juan Nava, who was being investigated for the sales of methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County.</p> <p>Detectives executed a signed narcotic search warrant for Nava's residence. Fifteen people, including three children, were found residing in the house and various sheds and outbuildings located on the property. These individuals were detained during the investigation and search of the residence.</p> <p>The West County Street Team was assisted by the Oxnard Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Team and the California National Guard ' Counter Drug Task Force.</p> <p>During the search of Nava's residence, Detectives located narcotics paraphernalia indicative of narcotics sales. Juan Nava was not located at the residence. However, three other individuals were arrested for various narcotic violations, including possession of methamphetamine. A fourth man, believed to be Nava's son, was arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. All four</p>		

men were booked at the Ventura County Main Jail.

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. The California National Guard Counter Drug Unit is a partner agency with the Narcotic Task Force and assisted with the service of this search warrant.

Due to the high number of individuals residing on the property, coupled with the high safety concerns associated with a narcotic search warrant, the 15 residents were detained in front of the home. This was done so the investigating officers could safely search the residence as authorized by the search warrant.

Many people who witnessed the incident took to social media to speculate that an immigration raid was taking place and that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents were involved.

This was incorrectly reported. ICE agents did not directly or indirectly participate in this investigation. This was solely a narcotic sales investigation in an effort to make the community a safer place.

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**Thousand Oaks - Police Department Offers "Start Smart" Driving Program for Young Adult Drivers**

1/19/2018 2:30:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Police Department Offers "Start Smart" Driving Program for Young Adult Drivers
<b>Location:</b>	Thousand Oaks Police Station Community Room 2101 E. Olsen Rd.
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday, February 8th , 2018, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

**Narrative:**

The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers on February 8th at the Thousand Oaks Police Station Community Room. The "Start Smart" Driving Program is a cooperative effort between the California Highway Patrol, Thousand Oaks Police Department, teenage drivers, and their parents.

Nationwide, 43 percent of first-year drivers and 37 percent of second-year drivers are involved in car crashes. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16-19-year-olds than among any other age group. In fact, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash. The Thousand Oaks Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future licensed drivers.

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

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

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**Thousand Oaks - UPDATE - Underground Construction Explosive in Residential Neighborhood Deemed Safe**

1/19/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	UPDATE: Possible Underground Construction Explosive Found in Residential Neighborhood ' <b>Scene Deemed Safe</b>
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-8252
<b>Location:</b>	1500 Block Adele Place, Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	01/19/2018 @ 2:00 PM
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Police Department & Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Team

**Narrative:**

On January 16, 2018, construction crews were trenching in the street in the 1500 block of Adele Place and located a possible underground construction related explosive. During the ground excavation, explosive blasting wires were discovered emanating from underground bore holes. This required additional investigation with the assistance of commercial blasting experts.

It was confirmed that commercial explosives had been used in the land development that occurred around 1973. Over the next two days, specialists from the Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Team, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Arson and Explosives Detail, and a Los Angeles Field Division FBI Bomb Technician performed assessments and analysis, which included the deployment of specialized instrumentation and the collection of soil samples to determine the presence of explosive material. The investigation concluded there were no explosives remaining.

On January 19, 2018, at 8:45 AM, the investigation concluded and the scene was rendered safe for normal residential activities.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank local residents for their patience and support during this incident.

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**Ojai - Man Wanted by US Marshal's Office for Attempted Murder Arrested in Ojai Valley**

1/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		Man Wanted by US Marshal's Office for Attempted Murder Arrested in Ojai Valley
<b>Report Number:</b>		18-8248
<b>Location:</b>		Meiners Oaks, California
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		January 16, 2018 & 11:35am
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>		West County Patrol/ Ojai Station
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Smith, Kyle (Boren, Greg)	Greeley, Colorado	25
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>A sheriff's deputy in the Ojai Valley arrested a man Tuesday wanted by the US Marshal's Office for two counts of attempted murder in Colorado.</p> <p>Deputy Kathryn Torres was on routine patrol when she observed a vehicle with expired registration tags. Deputy Torres conducted a vehicle stop and contacted two male occupants. After a brief investigation, Torres arrested both men for drug-related offenses. The driver did not have any identification in his possession, but provided the name of Kyle Smith. When Kyle was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility fingerprints and booking photo were collected. Due to his lack of identification, he was not eligible for a release on his own recognizance until his prints confirmed his identity.</p> <p>A check of his prints indicated his true identify as Greg Boren from Greeley, Colorado. Boren was wanted by the US Marshals Office for two counts of attempted murder. His case had been featured on "America's Most Wanted Fans" in 2013. America's Most Wanted Fans is an unofficial fan page for America's Most Wanted and The Hunt with John Walsh. Boren will remain in custody in Ventura County until he can be extradited to Colorado to face charges there.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>		Captain James Fryhoff
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. Major Crimes Bureau

**Hollywood Beach - Granada Hills Man Arrested for Felony Battery**

1/22/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Arrest in Hollywood Beach Battery**

Report Number:

18-7444

Location:

**3700 Block of Sunset Lane, Unincorporated Oxnard (Hollywood Beach)**

Date & Time:

**January 14, 2018 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Unit(s) Responsible:

Bureau; Sheriff's Gang Unit

**Headquarters Patrol Deputies; Headquarters Detectives; Major Crimes**

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

(V) Alan Pancratz Hollywood Beach, Oxnard 53

(S) Mitchell Hahn Granada Hills 33

Narrative:

Mitchell Hahn was arrested today in Granada Hills following a battery investigation wherein Hahn was identified as the suspect. The victim, Alan Pancratz, suffered significant injuries requiring hospitalization resulting from the battery.

On January 14, 2018, Headquarters patrol deputies responded to a reported battery in the 3700 block of Sunset Lane in the unincorporated beach community of Oxnard known as Hollywood Beach. Upon arrival, Sheriff's deputies discovered Alan Pancratz had been battered by an unknown male suspect. Following the crime, the suspect fled the scene in a vehicle.

Pancratz sought medical treatment at Community Memorial Hospital for injuries sustained on the day of the incident. Due to the severity of these injuries, he was later transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at Ventura County Medical Center for a more advanced level of trauma care.

The investigation determined the incident started over allegations that Hahn had been speeding in a residential area; within close proximity of children riding skateboards. Due to the quick thinking and diligent actions of local residents who witnessed the crime; including a video recording which captured the incident, investigators obtained evidence which identified Hahn as the suspect who committed the battery against Pancratz.

During the early morning hours of January 22, 2018, Hahn was arrested by Sheriff's investigators near his residence. Following Hahn's arrest, investigators served a search warrant at Hahn's residence in the 17000 block of Los Alimos St. in Granada Hills. During the service of the search warrant, additional items of evidence were located further connecting Hahn to the crime. Hahn was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura for Penal Code section 243(d) - causing great bodily injury

in Ventura County Superior Court for arraignment on January 24, 2018.

**Battery. Hahn's bail is currently set at \$70,000 and he is scheduled to appear**

*Prepared by:*

**Sergeant Dean Worthy / Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau**

*Media Release Date:*

**January 22, 2018**

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*Approved by:*

**Captain Jeff Miller / Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau**

**Meiners Oaks - Colorado Man Faces Extradition for Charges of Murder and Attempted Murder**

1/22/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

attempted murder

**UPDATE: Colorado man faces extradition for charges of murder and**

Report Number:

**18-8248**

Location:

**Meiners Oaks, California**

Date & Time:

**January 16, 2018 & 11:35am**

Unit(s) Responsible:

**West County Patrol/ Ojai Station**

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

**Smith, Kyle (Boren, Greg) Greeley, Colorado 25**

Narrative:

A man arrested last week in the Ojai Valley is awaiting extradition by the US Marshal's Office for one count of murder and one count of attempted murder in the state of Colorado. Greg Boren was arrested in Meiners Oaks January 16, 2018 for narcotics violations and was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura. He had no identification at the time, and he gave the arresting deputy the name of Kyle Smith.

When his fingerprints were compared to the Department of Justice database, his true identity of Greg Boren was revealed, coupled with the fact that he was wanted on two counts of attempted murder in Colorado. Investigators have since learned one of Boren's victims has died of his injuries, thus changing one of the charges to murder. Boren's local narcotics charges have been dropped by the District Attorney's Office, clearing the way for his extradition to Colorado.

Boren's arrest stemmed from a traffic stop that took place when Deputy Kathryn Torres was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with expired registration tags.

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**Captain James Fryhoff**

**Ojai - Citizen's Academy Offered for Area Residents**

1/22/2018 3:00:00 PM

**Nature of Incident:**

**Ojai Citizen's Academy**

**Report Number:**

**N/A**

**Location:**

**Ojai Police Station, 402 S. Ventura St., Ojai Ca.**

**Date & Time:**

**February 21, 2018 to April 25, 2018**

**Unit(s) Responsible:**

**Ojai Police Department**

**Narrative:**

On February 21, 2018, the Ojai Police Department will begin its 2018 Citizen's Academy program.

This is a ten-week course designed to give citizens an overview of the police department's function and operational procedures.

There will be presentations by a superior court judge, K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. team members, bomb squad, narcotic officers, search and rescue members, and many others. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet the Chief of Police and get a comprehensive tour of the police station. There will be field trips to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (main jail), Sheriff's Dispatch, the Sheriff's Training Academy, and heliport. Participants will also get the opportunity to go on a ride-along with a patrol deputy in Ojai.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizen's Academy can get an application at the Ojai Police Station or Ojai City Hall. You can also have one mailed to you by calling 646-1414 during normal business hours. Potential candidates must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in Ojai or the unincorporated area of the Ojai Valley, have no felony convictions, and have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying. Applications can be mailed, faxed (640-1803), e-mailed to

Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for ten weeks. Classes will be held at the Ojai Police Station.

For additional information call the Ojai Police Station at 805-646-1414 or email Sergeant Shane Matthews at

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**El Rio - Vehicle Burglary Suspect Arrested**

1/23/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Vehicle Burglary Suspect Arrested	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-9002	
<b>Location:</b>	200 block of Collins Street, Oxnard	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	1/23/18 @ 08:00 AM	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Headquarters Station Detective Unit	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(A) Salgado, Henry	Oxnard	41
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On 1-17-18, Sheriff's deputies took a report of a vehicle burglary that occurred in the parking lot behind Montezuma's Restaurant located in the community of El Rio. The victim reported that the window to the vehicle was broken and tools were stolen from inside. During the investigation, Sheriff's deputies obtained video evidence that captured the crime taking place. Further investigation was completed and the suspect was identified as Henry Salgado.</p> <p>On 1-23-18, Headquarters Station Detectives went to Salgado's home address and made contact with him. While at the residence, detectives observed Salgado's vehicle, used during the vehicle burglary, parked in the driveway. Stolen property from the vehicle burglary was located inside the vehicle. Salgado was arrested for Vehicle Burglary. During the arrest Salgado resisted and was additionally charged with Resisting Arrest. Salgado was transported and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.</p>		
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**Thousand Oaks - Non-fatal overdose investigation leads to multiple arrests**

1/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

**Non-Fatal overdose investigation leads to multiple arrests**

Report Number:

17-188897

Location:

Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

December 10th, 2017

Unit(s) Responsible:

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

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

(S) Kevin Noriega Thousand Oaks 25

(S) Mantej Sunner Transient 23

(S) Hannah Madden Simi Valley 23

Narrative:

On December 10

non-fatal overdose in the city of Thousand Oaks. The overdose victim in this case was transported to Los Robles Hospital for further evaluation and is expected to survive.

A thorough investigation was initiated by the patrol deputy and the PCU was called to assist. The investigation was able to identify several suspects who provided the heroin to the overdose victim

as Kevin Noriega, Mantej Sunner and Hannah Madden.

On December 28th, 2017, Noriega was located in the city of Port Hueneme and arrested for 11352(a) H&S ' sales of a controlled substance and a parole violation. Noriega was interviewed and admitted to the violation.

On January 18th, 2018, Sunner and Madden were located in Los Angeles county and arrested

th, 2017, deputies from the Thousand Oaks Police Station were dispatched to a

without incident. A search of both subjects incident to arrest revealed a large amount of heroin and US currency believed to be the proceeds of their illegal sales of controlled substances. In addition to the above, a fraudulent prescription was located in the wallet belonging to Madden. Sunner and Madden were interviewed and admitted to their part in this crime.

Sunner was arrested for 11351(a) H&S ' possession for sale of a controlled substance, 11352(a) H&S ' sales of a controlled substance and a local felony warrant. Madden was arrested for 11352(a) H&S ' sales of a controlled substance and 11368 H&S ' possess a fraudulent prescription.

The public may contact investigators from the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical

Crimes Unit at (805) 383-8700 or case, or any other information related to narcotics.

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

The primary mission of the task force is combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to

the illegal market. In addition, the task force works to identify and stop new trends of abuse among the younger population and investigates overdoses due to both prescription medication and illicit drug use.

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**Detective Steve Egnatchik**

Approved by:

**Captain Robert Thomas**

**Thousand Oaks - Pacoima Man Arrested for Forging Checks Stolen From Vehicles**

1/23/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		Pacoima Man Arrested for Forging Stolen Checks Taken During Night Time Thefts From Vehicle.
<b>Report Number(s):</b>		17-180813
<b>Location:</b>		Long Shadow Court @ Windy Mountain Avenue, City of Thousand Oaks.
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		November 24, 2017 ' January, 22 2018
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>		Simi Valley Police Department ' Special Operations Unit Thousand Oaks Investigations ' Auto Crimes Unit
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Roque, Jonathan Perez	Pacoima	26
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>During the late night/early morning hours of November 24, 2017, two thefts from unlocked vehicles occurred in a residential neighborhood in the area of Long Shadow Court and Windy Mountain Avenue, Thousand Oaks. Numerous items of property were stolen from the victim's vehicles including blank checks. One of the checks were later forged and cashed at a Simi Valley bank for nearly \$2,000.00.</p> <p>On November 29</p> <p>Roque was arrested by Simi Valley Police Department investigators for a variety of crimes including Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Vehicle and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Investigators from the Simi Valley Police Department notified the Thousand Oaks Police Department of Perez's arrest and the stolen property that was recovered.</p> <p>Investigators from the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Auto Crimes Unit followed up on the information and were able determine Roque was responsible for forging and cashing the victim's stolen check. Investigators arrested Roque on the additional charges of Forgery and Identity Theft. Roque is currently in custody at the Ventura County Jail awaiting trial.</p> <p>th, 2018, Investigators from the Simi Valley Police Department's Special Operations Unit were investigating a case involving the theft of a vehicle and stolen firearms in the City of Simi Valley. During a probation search related to their investigation, (S) Jonathan Perez Roque of Pacoima was found to be in possession of stolen property that was taken during the two Thousand Oaks thefts.</p>		
The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to remind the community to report any suspicious subjects, vehicles and behavior in their neighborhoods and not leave any items of value, tools, gifts or other items unsecured in their vehicles. If members of the community observe any suspicious subjects or circumstances, they are encouraged to contact Sheriff's Dispatch by calling 9-1-1 or (805) 654-9511		

(non-emergency).

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## Camarillo - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint

1/24/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint
<b>Location:</b>	City of Camarillo
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	1/27/18 from 6:00p.m. ' 2:30a.m.
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau
<b>Narrative:</b>	<p><b>DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned this Weekend</b></p> <p>Camarillo, CA ' The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on 1/27/18, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 6: p.m. to 2:30 am.</p> <p>In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Camarillo Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.</p> <p>The deterrent effect of High Visibility Enforcement using both DUI checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug impaired crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized proactive DUI operations are conducted routinely.</p> <p>DUI Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.</p> <p>In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the course of the past three years, Camarillo Police Department officers have investigated 168 DUI collisions which has claimed one life and resulted in another 52 injuries.</p> <p>Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for</p>
	<p>proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.</p> <p>Studies of California drivers have shown that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication ' whether prescription or over-the-counter ' drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.</p> <p>Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or "DDVIP," free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.</p> <p>Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.</p> <p>Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Camarillo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to</p>

'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

**Prepared by:**

Sergeant Paul Richards

**News Release Date:**

1/24/18

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**Approved by:**

Captain Jeremy Paris

**Ventura County Jail Healthcare Veteran Retires**

1/25/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Ventura County Jail Healthcare Veteran Retires
<b>Location:</b>	Todd Road Jail, 600 Todd Road Santa Paula, Ca. 93060
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Jan. 26, 2018 @ 12:00 pm
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Ventura Sheriff's Office
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Todd Road Jail, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office will celebrate the career and retirement of Nicoleta Weeks, the jail's healthcare program manager for the past 18 years. As part of the celebration, a \$20,000 donation will be made in Weeks' honor, by the California Forensic Medical Group, Weeks' employer, to HELP of Ojai for relief efforts related to the Thomas Fire, floods and mudslides.</p> <p>"It is a bittersweet day to say goodbye to such an amazing local hero like Nicoleta," said Sheriff Geoff Dean. "Her skill, loyalty, caring and dedication to the wellbeing of her patients, as well as her community, are second to none. Congratulations on an amazing career, and we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life."</p> <p>As program manager of the Ventura County Jail, Weeks has run the facility's medical and mental healthcare for approximately 29,000 inmates each year.</p> <p>"The minute I walked in, I knew this would be the place I would retire from," said Weeks. "I can't believe 18 years later I was right. I'll miss the endless professional challenges, the ability to help our patients, and, of course, the privilege to work side by side with these wonderful people on our team, and at the Sheriff's Office." Among her many accomplishments during her tenure, Weeks is especially proud of her success in improving partnerships with community programs such as County Behavioral Health.</p> <p>A political refugee from Romania, Nicoleta came to the United States as a computer programmer, but ultimately went to nursing school to pursue her dream of helping people. When asked what advice she would give to her colleagues and team, she stated, "For me, it comes back to our company motto. If you 'always do the right thing,' everything else will fall into place."</p> <p>The HELP of Ojai donation in Weeks' honor will be made by CFMG's Social Responsibility Program designed to support individuals and communities in need. "It is our absolute pleasure to honor Nicoleta on such a glorious career," said Kip Hallman, CEO of CFMG. "And, we are so</p>	
happy to help the residents of Ventura and Santa Barbara in her name."	
<b>About HELP of Ojai</b>	
<b>HELP of Ojai has served the 80 sq. miles of the Ojai Valley since 1973. Their mission is to combine individual and community resources to meet the identified, unmet basic human needs of Ojai Valley residents. Most recently, their Thomas Fire work is focused on assisting those in our valley impacted by the fire through emergency funds, food, clothing, household goods and temporary housing. Their ongoing work focuses on individual case management and permanent housing solutions. For more or to donate <a href="http://www.helpofojai.org">www.helpofojai.org</a>.</b>	
<b>About CFMG</b>	
<b>For 34 years, CFMG has been a leader in correctional medical and mental healthcare in California. CFMG's parent company, CMGC provides correctional medical and mental healthcare services in over 100 county jails, in 8 states, providing care to approximately 25,000 inmates daily. For more <a href="http://www.cmgcos.com">www.cmgcos.com</a>.</b>	
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## Countywide - CIT Officer of the Year Announced

1/26/2018 4:00:00 PM

### Nature of Incident: CIT Officer of the Year

Location: Ventura County Behavior Health Williams Building

Date & Time: January 22, 2018 / 1300

Unit Responsible: Crisis Intervention Team

Narrative:

The Ventura County Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is pleased to announce the 2017 "CIT Officer of the Year" recipients.

The 2017 CIT Officer of the Year award was presented to Corporal Dean Cole of the Ventura Police Department and Deputy Greg Lindsay of the Camarillo Police Department. This is the first year that we have had co-selections as CIT Officer of the Year. Dean is a Field Training Officer, a member of the SWAT Team, is currently working as a Communications Supervisor and is an 11 year veteran of Law Enforcement. Greg is currently the School Resource Officer at Rancho Campana High School, an Explorer Advisor for Camarillo Explorer Post #2932 and a 12 year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

Dean and Greg were selected by a panel that included a Behavioral Health member (VCBH), a member from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a retired Commander from the Oxnard Police Department.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training provides law enforcement techniques in active listening, de-escalating a crisis and providing appropriate community resources as needed. CIT training is used in domestic situations, and contacts with troubled youth, elderly citizens, and the general public. CIT skills are used to de-escalate crisis situations, not

**diagnose mental illness. The successful implementation of the CIT Program in Ventura County has resulted in the reduction of risks and injuries to citizens and officers alike, resulting in increased public support and confidence in law enforcement. The original goal in 2001 was to train 20% of law enforcement. Currently 81% of Ventura County Law Enforcement is CIT trained, and 1554 students have completed Ventura County Law Enforcement's 40 hour CIT Academy, since 2001.**

**The names of the nominees for this year's award are as follows: Deputy Greg Lindsay (VCSO-Camarillo PD), Corporal Dean Cole (Ventura PD), Officer Walter Harper (Santa Paula PD), Officer Nora Starna (Port Hueneme PD), Officer Gene Colato (Simi Valley PD), Deputy David Mancini (VCSO-Fillmore PD), Deputy**

**Marc Riggs (VCSO-Moorpark) and Deputies Justin Czyrkliis & Mark Plassmeyer (VCSO-Thousand Oaks PD).**

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Approved by:

**Captain Jeremy Paris**

**Moorpark - Man Causes Scare on Amtrak Train Saturday Morning**

1/27/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Man Causes Scare on Amtrak Train Saturday Morning**

Report Number:

18-14479

Location:

**Moorpark Amtrak/Metrolink Station**

Date & Time:

January 27, 2018 @ 9:02 am

Unit(s) Responsible:

Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Amtrak Police Department

**Moorpark Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's SWAT Team,**

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

Hamilton, Don Simi Valley 21

Narrative:

An Amtrak train bound for Goleta was evacuated in Moorpark Saturday morning when a man wearing a tactical vest and acting strangely locked himself in a bathroom onboard.

All 93 passengers and five crew members were evacuated from the train while SWAT team members contacted the man, who was quickly detained. Don Hamilton was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance after deputies determined the vest he was wearing was not a ballistic tactical vest, he was not armed, and he had made no threats to anyone while on the train. He had boarded the Amtrak Surfliner at the Simi Valley train station, where Amtrak personnel had seen him put on the camouflaged vest as he quickly jumped on the train and locked himself inside the bathroom.

Bomb squad personnel checked the train before it was cleared for passengers to continue to their

destination. Hamilton's vest was one commonly used by paintball enthusiasts. Hamilton was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura.

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Approved by:

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**Captain John Reilly**

**Ventura - Inmate Death**

1/27/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Inmate Death**

Report Number:

**RB# 18-14403**

Location:

**Pre-Trial Detention Facility**

Date & Time:

**January 27, 2018 @ 2:00 AM**

Unit(s) Responsible:

Services Legal Unit

**Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau, PTDF Classification Unit and Detention**

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

(D) Keith Brian Welbourne City of Moorpark 31

Narrative:

On January 27, 2018, at approximately 2:00 AM, deputies noticed Keith Welbourne was unresponsive and not breathing in a cell at the Pre Trial Detention Facility (PTDF). Emergency aid was immediately rendered by deputies and jail medical staff. Ventura City Fire Department and American Medical Response (AMR) personnel were summoned to provide more advanced life-saving efforts. Mr. Welbourne was transported from the PTDF to Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) where he was ultimately pronounced deceased.

The cause of death is under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Bureau. There was no indication of violence or suspicious circumstances surrounding Mr. Welbourne's death. As a matter of policy and procedures, all inmate deaths are investigated by the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau.

Prepared by:

**Detective Greg Cadman**

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**January 27, 2018**

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Approved by:

**Captain Jeff Miller**

**Camarillo - Armed Robbery of Camarillo Pizza Restaurant**

1/29/2018 11:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Armed Robbery of Camarillo Pizza Restaurant	
<b>Report Number:</b>	RB# 18-12508	
<b>Location:</b>	2100 block of Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo, CA	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	January 23, 2018 at 7:05 P.M.	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau Camarillo Patrol Station	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S1) Unknown Hispanic male (S2) Unknown Hispanic male		20's 30's
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On January 23, 2018, a robbery occurred at a Little Caesar's Pizza restaurant located in the 2100-block of Ponderosa Drive in the City of Camarillo.</p> <p>At about 7:05 P.M., two unknown male suspects entered the restaurant while several employees were inside. One of the suspects approached the employees and brandished a firearm while the second suspect served as a "look-out." An employee complied with the suspects' demands by opening the cash registers and safe. S1 and S2 then took an undisclosed amount of money and fled the scene on foot. Camarillo Patrol deputies searched the area for the suspects, but did not locate them.</p> <p>S1 was described as a Hispanic male in his 20's, 5'7" to 5'10" tall, with a slender build. S2 was described as a Hispanic male in his 30's, about 5'4" to 5'7" tall, with a medium to heavy build. Both suspects were described as wearing dark colored clothing.</p> <p>Sheriff's Major Crimes detectives are conducting an investigation into this robbery and any other crimes these suspects may have been involved in. Detectives are asking for the public's assistance in identifying these suspects. There are no surveillance photos of the suspects available at this time. If anyone has information about this crime, please contact Detective Francisco Jauregui at (805) 384-4738 or at francisco.jauregui@ventura.org.</p>		
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**Camarillo - Investigators Conduct Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep**

1/29/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Sex Registrant Compliance Sweep
<b>Report Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Location:</b>	City and Unincorporated Areas of Camarillo
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Saturday, January 27, 2018. 8:00 AM ' 2:00 PM
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau Camarillo Investigations Thousand Oaks Investigations California Department of Corrections / Parole
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>On January 27</p> <p>Eighty-one (81) of the sex registrants were confirmed to be in compliance with their registration requirements. Nine (9) registrants were not contacted because they were not home or had moved. Sheriff's detectives will follow-up to determine if the remaining registrants who were not contacted are out of compliance. During this operation, one (1) arrest was made for a parole violation which was unrelated to the arrestee's registration requirements.</p> <p>The Sheriff's office aggressively pursues prosecution of those sex registrants who fail to comply with their registration requirements. With that in mind, similar sweeps will be conducted on an ongoing basis to verify registered sex offenders are living at their reported residences and in compliance with any probation or parole terms.</p> <p>Residents of Ventura County can visit the Megan's Law website (<a href="http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov">www.meganslaw.ca.gov</a>) to familiarize themselves with the sex registrants in their community.</p> <p>th, 2018, Sheriff's detectives conducted compliance checks at the residences of ninety (90) registered sex offenders throughout the Camarillo area. The compliance checks were funded through the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE / ELEAS) Grant.</p>	
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Sergeant Ryan Clark Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Jeff Miller

**Thousand Oaks - Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving**

1/29/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	February Traffic Safety Awareness ' Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving
<b>Location:</b>	City of Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Month of February 2018
<b>Unit Responsible:</b>	Thousand Oaks Police Department-Traffic Bureau
<b>Narrative:</b>	<p><b>Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving</b></p> <p>The Thousand Oaks Police Department strives to promote traffic safety within the community. In an effort to recognize certain hazards while driving, the Traffic Bureau has started a monthly traffic awareness reminder program, addressing a traffic topic each month. While we focus on a specific topic each month, it's always imperative to constantly strive to follow all rules of the road. The month of February is dedicated to "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving".</p> <p>California law states it is illegal to drive a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level equal to or greater than .08%. In addition, it is illegal to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of a drug or the combined influence of alcohol and drugs.</p> <p>Here are some important facts you should know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Impairment is not reliant upon the type of alcohol consumed, rather the number of drinks over a certain period of time. Despite myths and misconceptions, coffee, a cold shower, or exercise will not make a person more sober; only time will.</li><li>2. On average, a drunk driver will drive 80 times under the influence before their first arrest.</li><li>3. Every 51 minutes in America, someone is killed in a drunk driving crash. That equates to 27 people every day. Offer to be a designated driver to ensure that everybody gets home safe.</li><li>4. For drivers under 21, the U.S. has a No Tolerance policy that does not allow any alcohol to be in the blood system while behind the wheel. The consequences could include expensive fines, loss of license, or jail.</li></ol>

5. One recent study found that drivers who were "minimally buzzed" or "buzzed" were often to blame for fatal accidents. The term "minimally buzzed" includes drivers who had a BAC of .01, which is well within the legal limit. Researchers examined more than 570,000 fatal accidents. The results: Drinking and driving with The Traffic Bureau urges citizens to drive responsibly. Designate a sober driver. Call a friend or family member for a ride or call a cab. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free to download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb-all from one screen.

For more information on DDVIP, Alcohol Impaired Driving, and more, visit:

<http://www.ots.ca.gov/pdf/DDVIP-App.pdf>

<http://venturacountylimits.org/en/prevention/impaired-driving/snapshot>

<https://www.adcouncil.org/Our-Campaigns/Safety/Buzzed-Driving-Prevention>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/super-bowl-sunday-fans-dont-let-fans-drive-drunk>

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. Remember,

**any alcohol in the body is dangerous and leads to more severe accidents.  
BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.**

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**Camarillo - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results**

1/30/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>		DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results	
<b>Location:</b>		City of Camarillo	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>		1/27/18 from 8:00p.m. ' 2:00a.m.	
<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>	
(S) Jose Govea	Oxnard	31	
<b>Narrative:</b>			
<p><b>DUI Checkpoint Nets 1 Arrest</b></p> <p><b>Camarillo, CA "The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on 1/27/18, at Las Posas Road between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.</b></p> <p><b>In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Camarillo PD supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Of note, the arrest of Jose Govea of Oxnard. In addition to driving with a suspended drivers license, he was in possession of; 397 grams of marijuana, 85 packages of marijuana edibles, 87 marijuana e-cigarettes, and 18 packaged dabs of concentrated cannabis. Govea was arrested for transportation and possession for sale of marijuana.</b></p> <p><b>The net results from the checkpoint are:</b></p> <p><b>' 485 Vehicles Screened</b></p>			
<p>0 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested</p> <p>' 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested</p> <p>' 1 Suspect arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)</p> <p>' 4 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked</p> <p>Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or "DDVIP," free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.</p> <p>Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.</p> <p>Camarillo PD will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on March 2, 2018 in our ongoing</p>			

commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver ' Call 9-1-1'.

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**Camarillo - Identity Theft / Request for Public's Assistance**

1/30/2018 12:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Identity Theft / Request for Public's Assistance	
<b>Report Number:</b>	RB #17-178123	
<b>Location:</b>	JPMorgan Chase Bank 16520 West Soledad Canyon Road Canyon Country, CA 91387 6120 West 3 Los Angeles CA 90036 rd Street	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	11/15/2017 and 11/16/2017	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (Party), (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Unknown / Heavy Set / Black Male	Unknown	50-55 yrs

**Narrative:**

Detectives from the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail began investigating this crime. Detectives learned that the victim's identity may have been compromised from a mail theft. It was determined the same suspect was responsible for these two transactions.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect in the attached video clip. If you have any information on this crime, please contact Detective Hollowell at 388-5113.

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

Join us in the fight on crime by following us on Twitter @VENTURASHERIFF, Facebook, Instagram @VCSHERIFF, and with Nixle by texting your zip code to 888777 to receive local law enforcement and public safety alerts and advisories.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to be aware of loose mail placed in unlocked mail boxes and theft of mail left in unlocked mail boxes for extended time periods. Please

On November 20, 2017, a resident from Ventura County reported to have been a victim of an identity theft. This victim subsequently discovered Chase Bank withdrawals from two separate locations. The first withdrawal was done at a Chase Bank located in Canyon Country. The second withdrawal was done at a Chase Bank located in Los Angeles.

**Camarillo - Public Invited to Shred Event**

1/30/2018 2:00:00 PM

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COMMANDER DAVE MURRAY <b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Shred Event
<b>Location:</b>	Camarillo Community Center / 1605 Burnley St
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Saturday / February 3, 2018 / 8:00AM -12:00PM
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Community Resource Unit
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>On Saturday, February 3rd, the Camarillo Police Explorers and Access will host a secure paper-shredding event at the Camarillo Community Center, at 1605 Burnley Street, from 8 am till 12 noon.</p> <p>This event is open to all Camarillo residents and businesses. Participants will enter the parking lot from Burnley and will be directed to the desired drop-off location. A \$5.00 donation (cash) per vehicle would be greatly appreciated. All Proceeds will benefit the Camarillo Police Explorer program.</p> <p>Discarding confidential personal information in your household trash is a risky practice that makes you susceptible to identity theft. Documents containing Social Security numbers and other identifying information- including credit card statements, applications, receipts, medical records, bank statements, tax and other legal documents-should all be shredded instead. Access will shred documents with a per-customer maximum of 10 boxes (15'X12"X9") or 10 grocery bags of documents. Once the shred trucks are filled, the collection and event will STOP.</p> <p>Explorers are local youth between 14 and 20 years of age. These youth have displayed a desire to pursue law enforcement as a potential career opportunity. The explorers all have high ethical principles and are enthusiastic to support their community. They take part in weekly Post meetings, assist with civic and community events, perform parking service and traffic control duties at local events, participate in scenario based strategic trainings, and attend tactical competitions.</p>	
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**Camarillo - Baja Fresh Robbery Suspect Arrested**

1/31/2018 1:00:00 PM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Baja Fresh Robbery Suspect Arrested	
<b>Report Number:</b>	17-146649	
<b>Location:</b>	1800 block of E. Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	01/31/2018 @ 11:30 A.M.	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Patrol, Camarillo Detectives, Camarillo SED, Sheriff Major Crimes, Sheriff Crime Analysis, Federal Bureau of Investigations	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
(S) Martin Prado	Camarillo	24
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>On 09/26/2017, two robberies occurred in the City of Camarillo. At about 3:15 A.M., a masked male entered 7-Eleven on Carmen Drive, near Daily Drive, while armed with a weapon. The suspect threatened and assaulted the clerk before stealing cash from the register and fleeing the store. Fortunately, the clerk did not sustain any injuries.</p> <p>At about 09:15 A.M. (just 6 hours after the first robbery), a masked male suspect entered the Baja Fresh Restaurant located in the 1800 block of E. Daily Drive in Camarillo. Upon entering the restaurant, the suspect brandished a firearm and threatened several employees. Ultimately, the suspect stole cash from the cash drawer and fled the area on foot.</p> <p>Over the next couple days, detectives identified (S) Martin Prado as a possible suspect in both robberies. Detectives also identified an associate of Martin Prado as a possible accomplice to at least one of the robberies. Martin Prado is currently on probation with search terms for an unrelated offense.</p> <p>On 10/11/2017, detectives executed a probation search at Prado's residence in Camarillo and a search warrant at a residence in Port Hueneme. During the searches, evidence linking Prado and his associate to the 7-Eleven robbery was located and both were taken into custody.</p> <p>Over the next few months, detectives continued their investigation and located additional evidence linking Prado to the Baja Fresh robbery.</p>		
<p>On 01/31/2018, Prado was arrested for PC 211 ' [Robbery] and PC 29815 ' [Possession of a Firearm While on Probation]. He was still in custody for the 7-Eleven robbery at the time of the arrest for the Baja Fresh robbery. Prado is scheduled to appear in Ventura County Superior Court for arraignment on the Baja Fresh robbery on 02/02/2018. Prado's bail is currently set at \$65,000 for the 7-Eleven robbery and \$50,000 for the Baja Fresh robbery.</p>		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Detective Jarrod Foote #4423	
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**Camarillo - Start Smart Program**

1/31/2018 11:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Start Smart Program
<b>Location:</b>	Camarillo Police Station Community Room
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Friday, February 16th, 2018, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau
<b>Narrative:</b>	<p>The Camarillo Police Department will be hosting a program to educate newly licensed and future drivers. This program will take place on Friday, February 16</p> <p>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.</p> <p>th, 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.</p> <p><b>For reservations, 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.</b></p> <p><b>Interested parents are asked to contact Deputy Ben Lopez at (805) 388-5122 for more information.</b></p>
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Deputy Ben Lopez
<b>News Release Date:</b>	January 31, 2018
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<b>Approved by:</b>	Captain Jeremy Paris

**Countywide - Designate a Driver before Super Bowl Sunday**

1/31/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Designate a Driver before Super Bowl Sunday
<b>Location:</b>	Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark & Thousand Oaks
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	February 4, 2018
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p><b>Don't Fumble: Tackle Impaired Driving Before the Clock Starts</b></p> <p>Kickoff on America's favorite past time is just about ready to start. For many football fans, when it's time for Super Bowl LII, everyone's a fan'</p> <p>Impaired driving near or above the .08 BAC limit can be deadly, and even small amounts of alcohol can impair judgement to make driving unsafe. In 2016, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported there were 10,497 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drunk drivers nationwide. California recorded 1,059 DUI deaths at .08 BAC or above according to the NHTSA.</p> <p>The Ventura County Sheriff's Office supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Drug-impaired driving is a problem on California roadways. Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving, which means it is dangerous and illegal. Whether the drug is legally prescribed, an illicit drug or marijuana, driving while drug impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other motorists, and driving high can lead to a DUI.</p> <p>"Be sure to have a game plan for the night so friends and family know who the designated driver is," said Captain Jeremy Paris from the Camarillo Police Department. "We want to encourage folks to turn over their keys to a sober driver before the game begins. Impaired driving can result in serious crashes, injuries or death. If you don't have an 'MVP' to make sure folks get home safely, consider other ride options."</p> <p>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</p> <p><b><i>and Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. The California Office of Traffic Safety, Police, Sheriff and the CHP are huddling up for a special designated driver reminder to urge football fans across the nation not to drop the ball on this issue.</i></b></p>	
<p>easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb.</p> <p>This Super Bowl weekend, be a team player and help keep impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel. Don't fumble! Designate your sober driver before the big game begins. And remember:</p> <p># # #</p> <p><b><i>Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.</i></b></p>	

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**Moorpark - Discovery and Seizure of Counterfeiting Laboratory**

1/31/2018 9:00:00 AM

<b>Nature of Incident:</b>	Discovery and Seizure of Counterfeiting Laboratory	
<b>Report Number:</b>	18-15335	
<b>Location:</b>	800 Block of New Los Angeles Ave., Moorpark	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	January 28, 2018 / 7:00 pm	
<b>Unit(s) Responsible:</b>	Moorpark Investigations Bureau, Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit, Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Bureau, United States Secret Service	
<b>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</b>	<b>City of Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>
Hagee, Donald	Perris	42
Wagers, Mitchell	Rancho Cucamonga	44
Graciano, Crystina	Beaumont	31
<b>Narrative:</b>		
<p>Detectives discovered a sophisticated money counterfeiting laboratory inside a house Monday while serving a search warrant in San Bernardino.</p> <p>The investigation began on the evening of January 28, 2018, when patrol deputies from the Moorpark Sheriff's Station responded to Kohl's department store regarding counterfeit bills being passed by two customers. Deputies learned the two men were buying expensive items using fake \$100 bills.</p> <p>Deputies detained Donald Hagee and Mitchell Wagers, who had a total of \$15,000 in counterfeit bills in their possession. The men were with a third suspect identified as Crystina Graciano. The two men also had narcotics in their possession, and Wagers was wanted for an outstanding parole warrant.</p> <p>On January 29, 2018, Moorpark detectives began a follow-up investigation on the case. They learned of a location in the city of San Bernardino, where the counterfeit bills were being manufactured.</p> <p>On Monday, detectives from the Moorpark Investigations Bureau, Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit and the Thousand Oaks Special Enforcement Bureau as well as a Special Agent from the United States Secret Service served a search warrant at a residential business in the 1800-block of</p>		
<p>South Tippecanoe Avenue in San Bernardino. Investigators discovered the location was a laboratory used to manufacture US currency and credit cards.</p> <p>The Secret Service Special Agent described the lab as one of the largest and most sophisticated labs he had seen in his career.</p> <p>Detectives seized several computers, laser printers, plastic ID card printers, plastic card cutters, precision cutting tables and tools, electric heating and drying devices, dry powder ink sets, thousands of dollars of counterfeit currency in varying degrees of completion, bill tracings, washed US currency, silkscreen printing plates, large quantities of printer ink, fluorescent light bill verifiers. They also found personal identifying information of several individuals, including driver's licenses and social security cards and a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol.</p> <p>Hagee is currently in custody at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility for conspiracy and forgery, as</p>		

well as narcotics charges. Wagers is being held on weapons violations and the parole hold in addition to the forgery, conspiracy and narcotics charges. Graciano was released on \$20,000.00 bail and is awaiting trial. Both Hagee and Wagers have extensive criminal histories that include prior felony convictions for similar crimes.

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**Thousand Oaks - Child Luring Incident Near Sycamore Canyon School**

1/31/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

**Child Luring Incident Reported Near Sycamore Canyon School**

Report Number:

18-16713

Location:

900 Block Rancho Dos Vientos, Thousand Oaks

Date & Time:

01/31/2018 @ 07:15 AM

Unit Responsible:

Thousand Oaks Police Investigations

**Thousand Oaks Police Department /School Resource Officers/**

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

(V) Minor 12

(S) Unknown Male Adult Unknown

Narrative:

A 12 year-old student was contacted by an unknown male suspect in a vehicle near Sycamore Canyon School. The incident was immediately reported and is being investigated as child luring. At about 7:15 AM, a Sycamore Canyon School 7th grader reported a male subject driving a tan colored sport utility vehicle attempted to make verbal contact with the student, asking if the student needed a ride. The student was walking to school, traveling in a local neighborhood south of Sycamore Canyon School. The suspect did not exit the vehicle or make physical contact with the student. The student is safe and notified a family member, who immediately reported the incident to the police. Patrol officers, School Resource Officers, and investigators responded to the school and are working with school administrators.

The suspect was only described as a male with a deep voice, driving a tan colored 4-door sport utility vehicle with heavily tinted windows. This suspect's vehicle does not appear to be linked to any other crimes. The case is being actively investigated by Thousand Oaks Police detectives. Anyone with further information, please call Thousand Oaks Police Investigations at (805) 371-8383.

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Approved by:

**Commander Tim Hagel**

*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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