

Meiners Oaks Homicide Victim Identified

10/1/2018 2:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Victim Identified in Meiners Oaks Homicide

Report Number: 18-152749

Location: 100 Block of N. Pueblo Ave., Meiners Oaks

Date & Time: September 28, 2018 at 5:10 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Sheriff's Ojai Patrol Station
Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau
Sheriff's Gang Unit
Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
(D) Murphy, Padraic	Meiners Oaks
(S) Arellanes, Richard Eric	Meiners Oaks

Narrative:

On September 28, 2018, deputies were dispatched to a shots fired call in the 100 block of North Pueblo Ave. in the unincorporated area of Meiners Oaks. Upon arrival, they discovered a male victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Deputies and emergency medical services attempted life-saving efforts, but the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The victim has been identified as Padraic Murphy of Meiners Oaks.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Detective Beau Rodriguez of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit at (805) 290-0645.

Prepared by: Sergeant Steve Jenkins

News Release Date: October 1, 2018

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Approved by: Captain Jeff Miller

Narcotics Arrest

10/2/2018 6:15:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics Arrest
Report Number: 18-152793
Location: 100 Block of Cathy Drive, Newbury Park
Date & Time: 9/28/2018 @ 8:00 PM
Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's East County Street Narcotics Team

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
Tyler Myers	Newbury Park

Narrative:

On September 28, 2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office East County Street Narcotics Team concluded a narcotics sales investigation into Tyler Myers of Newbury Park, who was involved in the sales of cocaine to residents of Ventura County.

On September 28, 2018, City of Thousand Oaks patrol deputies assisted and conducted a traffic stop of Myers in the City of Camarillo. Detectives searched his vehicle pursuant to a signed search warrant. During the search, detectives found over a half ounce of cocaine packaged for sale, over two pounds of marijuana, and a loaded unregistered firearm. Myers was arrested and transported to the East County Jail.

Following Myers' arrest, Narcotics Detectives and Detectives from the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail executed a search warrant at Myers' residence located in the 100 block of Cathy Drive in Newbury Park. Detectives located steroids, a small quantity of cocaine, US currency deemed to be proceeds from narcotics sales, and paraphernalia indicative of illegal narcotic sales.

Myers was booked into the East County jail on various narcotics and firearms charges. Myers' bail was set at \$50,000.00. Myers was released on bail and is scheduled to attend court on October 12, 2018.

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Approved by:

Captain Robert Thomas

Narcotics Arrest

10/3/2018 3:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics Arrest

Report Number: 18-149232

Location: 5500 Block of Butterfield Street, City of Camarillo

Date & Time: 09/23/2018 @ 12:00 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
(S) Jason Comer	Camarillo	36
(S) Leona Comer	Camarillo	69

Narrative:

Since November 2017, detectives with the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail (SED) have been conducting an investigation into the residence of Leona Comer and her son, Jason regarding a high number of illegal drug arrests from the location. On 09/23/2018, both Leona and Jason were arrested for violating HS 11366- Owing/Maintaining a Residence Where Illegal Substances are Sold, Furnished, or Used.

In November 2017, detectives with the Camarillo Police Special Enforcement Detail (SED) noticed an increase in illegal drug arrests occurring at a residence in the 5500 block of Butterfield Street in Camarillo. In addition to the arrests, detectives were aware that numerous probation searches were occurring and knew several known drug users were frequently located at the residence. The homeowner was identified as Leona Comer. Leona lived at the residence with her son, Jason Comer. Jason is on Ventura County probation with search terms for controlled substances.

During the course of the investigation, detectives determined that since January 2018 the Camarillo Police Department had been called to the residence on numerous occasions, over 25 probation searches and more than 25 arrests had been made. There were a total of 16 different people either visiting or staying at the residence that were involved with these arrests and probation searches. During a one week period in early September 2018, ten arrests were made at the location for a variety of drug related offenses, including PC 148(a) (1)- Resist, Obstruct, or Delay a Peace Officer, HS 11550(a)- Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, HS 11377(a)- Possession of a Controlled Substance, HS 11350(a)- Possession of a Controlled Substance and HS 11364(a)- Possession of an Ingestion Device. Leona and Jason were present during the majority of the arrests and probation searches. Also during this one week period, detectives had to force entry into the residence to conduct a probation search because the occupants refused to open the door for deputies. After forcing entry into the residence, four

people were found hiding inside and were arrested for various drug related charges. Leona knowingly obstructed deputies' lawful investigation during this probation search by refusing to open the door to law enforcement and she was issued a misdemeanor citation for PC 148(a)(1).

At the conclusion of this investigation, detectives determined the Comer residence was being maintained for the purpose of being a place where illegal drugs are being furnished, and/or consumed. On 09/23/18, Camarillo SED detectives went to the residence and arrested Jason Comer and Leona Comer for HS 11366. Both suspects were booked at the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility, with a pending court date.

Property crimes, including mail theft, identity theft, and residential and vehicle burglaries, are often committed by drug users. By giving drug users a haven to use drugs within our community, these homeowners invite criminals into their neighborhoods, causing their neighbors to be victimized. It should be known that homeowners can be found criminally responsible for drug users consuming drugs in their residence.

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

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Approved by: Captain Jeremy Paris

Fillmore - Request for Public Assistance to Identify Burglary Suspect

10/4/2018 1:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident: Request for Public Assistance to Identify Burglary Suspect

Report Number: 2018-145385

Location: 3100 Block of Telegraph Road Fillmore

Date & Time: Sept. 15, 2018 @ 12:30PM ' 4:30PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Fillmore Police Department

Narrative:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance to identify the suspect in the attached photographs. He is responsible for a vehicle burglary that occurred in Fillmore on September 15, 2018.

The owner of the vehicle had parked her car in the 3100-block of Telegraph Road in Fillmore, leaving her purse inside. When she returned to her vehicle several hours later, she discovered someone had smashed a window and removed her purse from the vehicle.

That same afternoon, one of the victim's stolen debit/credit cards was used at a business in Oxnard to make unauthorized purchases. The suspect who made the purchases appears to be a Hispanic male, 35-45 years old, approximately 5' 7" with a medium-to-heavy build, with a beard and mustache.

Residents are reminded to remove all valuable property from their vehicles and lock their car doors when they park.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact Detective Bill Meixner at (805)524-2235 or at William.Meixner@ventura.org.

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).

Prepared by: Detective Bill Meixner

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Approved by:

Captain Garo Kuredjian

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Narcotics Arrest

10/5/2018 7:45:00 AM

Nature of Incident: Narcotics Arrest

Report Number: 18-154704

Location: 1900 Block of Gardentsone Court, Thousand Oaks

Date & Time: 10/3/2018 @ 3:15 PM

Unit(s) Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's East County Street Narcotics Team
Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit (DEU)

<u>(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
Dana Douglas	Thousand Oaks	51
John Kuhl	Thousand Oaks	49

Narrative:

On October 3, 2018, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office East County Street Narcotics Team and the Thousand Oaks Directed Enforcement Unit concluded a narcotics sales investigation into Dana Douglas of Thousand Oaks, who was involved in the sales of methamphetamine to residents of Ventura County.

On October 3, 2018, deputies with the Directed Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop on Douglas in Thousand Oaks. Detectives searched his vehicle pursuant to a signed search warrant. During the search, detectives found over an ounce of methamphetamine packaged for sale. Douglas was arrested and transported to the East County Jail.

Following Douglas' arrest, Narcotics Detectives executed a search warrant at a residence associated with Douglas located in the 1900 block of Gardenstone Court in Thousand Oaks. Detectives located a small quantity of methamphetamine and paraphernalia indicative of illegal narcotic sales.

During the course of the search, detectives determined an occupant of the residence John Kuhl was cultivating marijuana in the backyard of the residence. The investigation revealed the cultivation was not within legal guidelines of Proposition 64, which legalized marijuana after being voted upon by California voters in 2016. Kuhl did not have any permits or licenses issued by the County of Ventura or the City of Thousand Oaks required to cultivate more than the allowed 6 plants of marijuana. Detectives seized numerous marijuana plants and over ten pounds of processed marijuana.

Douglas was booked into the East County jail for possessing controlled substances for sale and his bail was set at \$130,000.00. Kuhl was arrested for misdemeanor possession of a controlled

substance.

Prepared by: Detective Sergeant Eduardo Malagon

News Release Date: 10/5/2018

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Approved by: Captain Robert Thomas

El Rio - Gang Member Arrested With Firearm

10/6/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Gang Member Arrested With Firearm	
Report Number:	18-156556	
Location:	2700 Block Of East Vineyard Avenue	
Date & Time:	10/05/18 @ 0245 PM	
Unit(s) Responsible:	Sheriff's Gang Unit	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Gerald Silva	El Rio	22
(S) Male Juvenile	Camarillo	16
Narrative:		
<p>On October 5, 2018, The Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit was conducting directed enforcement in the unincorporated area of Oxnard known as El Rio. Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Unit contacted Gerald Silva, a known El Rio Gang member, who is on active CDCR parole and a male juvenile in the 2700 block of Vineyard Avenue.</p> <p>During the investigation, detectives located a loaded .22 caliber revolver concealed in the waistband of the male juvenile. In addition to the concealed firearm, the male juvenile was found to be in possession of additional .22 caliber ammunition and drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>The male juvenile was arrested and booked at the Juvenile Justice Center for unlawful possession of the firearm, drug paraphernalia, and gang related charges. Silva was arrested for violation of his CDCR parole terms and booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility.</p>		
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Countywide - Academy Class 2018-1 Graduation

10/8/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Academy Class 2018-1 Graduation
Report Number:	
Location:	Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.
Date & Time:	Friday, October 12, 2018 / 1:00 p.m.
Unit(s) Responsible:	Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center
Narrative:	<p>Sheriff Geoff Dean is pleased to announce the graduation of the Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center's Academy Class #2018-1. The graduation ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 12, 2018, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California.</p> <p>The recruits have completed 25 weeks of instruction provided through the combined efforts of local law enforcement agencies and other criminal justice entities. The intense training and education prepares these recruits for the responsibilities of serving their communities as peace officers.</p> <p>Please see below for the names of the graduating recruits and their respective agencies.</p> <p>ACADEMY ROSTER</p> <p>Basic Academy Class #2018-1</p> <p>Graduating Recruits</p> <p>OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Loren Bowers</p> <p>Brenden Hawn</p>

Karina Hurtado
Jenna Kushigemachi
Joel Magana
Matthew Poole
Jesus Ramirez
Jasmine Ramos
Corteny Robbs
Ivan Sanchez
Paul Tregear

SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Victor Garcia

Daniel Gutierrez

John Spradley

Zachary Wiltshire

SANTA PAULA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph Morales-Aguirre

Evert Ponce, Jr.

SIMI VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shane Johnson

Tyler Johnson

Aris Waldrop

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christopher Aguilar

Ryan Bischof

Richard Key

Jake Maulhardt

Kent McLay

Samuel Orozco

Kenneth Patton

Robert Sipes

Jordan Trujillo

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Marcus Lugo

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Jonathan Bustamante

Marcus Chambers

Marco Conradi

Christian Dodd

Tyler Dodes

Matthew Feyne

Francisco Flores Hernandez

Sam Furubotten

Milton Mendoza

Christopher Morrison

Kelli Moseley

Griffin O'Neil

Alexander O'Neill

Christopher Salera

Raul Troncoso

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10/08/18

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Captain Patricia Salas

Fillmore - Request for Public Assistance to Identify Forgery / Identity Theft**Suspect**

10/8/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Request for Public Assistance to Identify Forgery / Identity Theft
Report Number:	2018-137558
Location:	Thousand Oaks, Northridge, Van Nuys
Date & Time:	Aug. 28, 2018 through Sept. 1, 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:	Fillmore Police Department

Narrative:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance to identify the suspect in the attached photographs. The suspect is responsible for using a Ventura County resident's identity and other personal information to withdraw money from the victim's bank account at different bank branches.

On 08-24-18 and on 09-01-18, the suspect used the victim's checking account number and other personal information to fill out withdrawal slips to withdraw money from the victim's bank account at Chase Bank branches in Thousand Oaks, Northridge and Van Nuys. The suspect was successful in withdrawing nearly \$4,000 from the victim's bank account.

The suspect was described as a mid-forties to early sixties heavy-set black female, approximately 5-5" in height and weighing 215 pounds. The female appears to wear different wigs in the separate transactions to alter her appearance.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact Detective Bill Meixner at (805) 524-2235 or at William.Meixner@ventura.org.

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).

Prepared by:**Detective Bill Meixner****Media Release Date:****Oct. 8, 2018****Media Follow-Up Contact:****Detective Bill Meixner (805)524-2235****William.Meixner@ventura.org**

Approved by:

Captain Eric Tennesen

Countywide - Large Scale Drug Trafficking Organization Dismantled

10/9/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:		Narcotics Investigation ' Dismantling of Large Scale Drug Trafficking Organization
Report Number:		n/a
Location:		Various Locations Throughout Ventura and Los Angeles Counties
Date & Time:		September 2017 through September 2018
Unit(s) Responsible:		Ventura County Combined Agency Task Force (VCAT), which includes the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Oxnard Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Simi Valley Police Department.
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
Omar Rangel	San Fernando Valley	29
Bryan Vega	Reseda	20
Nancy Romero	Canoga Park	33
Cesar Alvarez Serrano	Winnetka	30
Alma Ceja	Downey	47
Richard Kevin Riley	Hollywood	48
Rhonda Harvey	Van Nuys	47
William Kragthorpe	Sherman Oaks	54
Xavier Lozano	Imperial Beach	27
Jose Florentino Soto	Los Angeles	40
Joseph Rigoberto Soto	Los Angeles	21
Jorge Antonio Jimenez	Sylmar	43
Alondra Banuelos	Sylmar	23
Melissa Arnold	Oxnard	45
Joshua Grimes	Simi Valley	34
Narrative:		
<p>The law enforcement agencies listed above concluded a year-long investigation into the distribution of controlled substances throughout Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. The investigation resulted in dismantling a Los Angeles based drug trafficking organization and the arrests of thirteen suspects for a variety of narcotics sales and weapons possession. During the month September 2017, detectives from the Ventura County Combined Agency Task</p>		

Force began investigating a Los Angeles County subject who was suspected of dealing bulk-quantities of narcotics to the residents of Ventura County. During this investigation, detectives learned that the source of narcotics was Omar Rangel (29 years / San Fernando Valley resident). Rangel was the leader of a Los Angeles based drug trafficking organization, which involved numerous persons. This drug trafficking organization was found to be moving substantial quantities of narcotics originating from a drug cartel in Sinaloa, Mexico and then distributing the drugs to bulk-quantity traffickers in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Throughout this investigation, detectives served numerous narcotics-related search warrants, which resulted in the seizure of large amounts of narcotics, indicia of drug sales, weapons, and several arrests.

During the course of the investigation, detectives seized a total of 161 pounds of methamphetamine, 121 pounds of cocaine, 13.2 pounds of heroin, 6.6 pounds of fentanyl, 600 fentanyl pills, more than \$353,000 in drug-sales proceeds, and 12 firearms.

The combined street value of the seized drugs was more than \$10,800,000.

All of the above-listed subjects were booked during the course of this investigation, or their arrests are imminent, pending arrest warrants.

The Ventura County Combined Task Force is made up of members from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies who work collaboratively to identify, disrupt, dismantle, and prosecute major narcotics trafficking organizations.

Please access the following link for additional information pertinent to this news story:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/b03whajdu58du4f/AADslZ48sQoDTy40IOY0YoOWa'dl=0>

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Approved by:	Captain Robert Thomas

El Rio - Deputy-Involved Shooting

10/9/2018 3:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Deputy Involved Shooting	
Report Number:	18-158434	
Location:	Cortez Avenue north of Stroube Street, El Rio	
Date & Time:	October 9, 2018 at 8:46am	
Unit(s) Responsible:	West County Patrol Services	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Adult Female	Transient (El Rio)	36
Narrative:		
<p>A sheriff's deputy was patrolling Tuesday morning in the unincorporated community of El Rio, just north of Oxnard, when he saw a woman who was wanted for an outstanding felony warrant for battery on an emergency responder. When the deputy tried to detain the woman, she armed herself with a hammer and ran. After a short foot chase, there was a confrontation between the woman, who was still armed with the hammer, and the deputy. During the confrontation, the woman was shot in the hand.</p> <p>The woman was taken to a local hospital for treatment of a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. Sheriff's Major Crimes detectives are investigating the incident and are asking anyone in the area who witnessed the confrontation to contact Detective Cyrus Zadeh at (805) 384-3741.</p>		
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Camarillo - DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint Results

10/10/2018 4:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		DUI / Driver License Checkpoint Results	
Report Number:			
Location:		City of Camarillo	
Date & Time:		9/21/18 from 8:00p.m. ' 2:00a.m.	
Unit(s) Responsible:		Camarillo Police ' Traffic Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age	
(S) Christopher Oleksik	Ventura	36	
Narrative:			
DUI Checkpoint Nets 1 Arrest			
Camarillo, CA 'The Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on 9/21/18, on Las Posas Road between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., resulting in the following:			
700 Vehicles Screened			
1 DUI-Drug impaired suspect arrested			
9 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked			
11 Total citations issued			
Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.			
In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. 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.			
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.

Camarillo PD offers these reminders to ensure a fun night doesn't get spoiled with a DUI:

- ' Decide before you go out whether you plan to drink or drive. You can't do both.
- ' If you plan to drink, designate a sober driver before going out, or map out another way to get home safely by taking a cab, ride-share service like Uber or Lyft, or using public transportation. You can also look up designated driver services in your area using the National Directory of Designated Driver Services (NDDDS).
- ' If you are DD, bars and restaurants statewide have created non-alcoholic specialty drinks ("DDrinks") for sober drivers: <http://bit.ly/OTSDDrinks>.
- ' If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, call 911. Offer a description of the vehicle, location and direction of travel.
- ' See your friend or other patron impaired trying to get behind the wheel' Take the keys or help them make other arrangements to get where they are going safely.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be approximately \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Whether by bike, car, motorcycle or walking, Camarillo PD encourages everyone to be a part of the solution and 'Go Safely California.'

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Approved by:	Commander Dave Murray

Thousand Oaks - Deputy-Involved Shooting

10/10/2018 2:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:	Officer Involved Shooting	
Report Number:	18-158882	
Location:	Hillcrest Drive @ Duesenberg Drive Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	October 10, 2018 @ 1:14 a.m.	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Male Adult	Thousand Oaks	26
Narrative:		
<p>Sheriff's deputies responded Wednesday morning to a report of a traffic collision where a vehicle had left the roadway and crashed through a fence on Hillcrest Drive east of Duesenberg Drive. When deputies tried to contact the driver of the vehicle, he confronted them with a knife. Deputies tried to convince the man to drop the knife, but he did not comply. Deputies fired a less-lethal bean bag shotgun at the man multiple times in an effort to safely end the confrontation. However, the man did not drop the knife and continued to advance toward the deputies in a threatening manner, leaving them no choice but to use lethal force. Deputies shot the man, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.</p> <p>The investigation into the shooting is ongoing, and anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to contact Detective Beau Rodriguez of the Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau at (805)384-4723.</p>		
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Approved by:	Captain Jeff Miller	

Camarillo - Attempted Phone Scam

10/11/2018 5:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Attempt Phone Scam

Report Number:

RB# 18-159320

Location:

City of Camarillo/ Ventura County

Date & Time:

October 10, 2018

Unit(s) Responsible:

Camarillo Investigations

(V)ictim City of Residence Age

Adult female Camarillo 62

Narrative:

On 10/10/2018, a Camarillo resident received a phone call from an unknown male subject claiming to be a Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy. The suspect told the victim she had a warrant and needed to call (844) 335-1152 to clear the warrant.

The victim called the number given and a male subject with a 'Hispanic accent' answered. The male subject identified himself as 'David Williams' and told the victim he worked for U.S. Financial. Williams told the victim to go to CVS or Vons and purchase a 'Google Pay Card' for \$500.00. The victim was told by a CVS employee that the call was fraudulent and did not complete the transaction.

There have been multiple similar incidents reported within Ventura County over the last few months. Please do not become a victim of these scams and notify local law enforcement of any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information about the suspect(s) is asked to contact Detective Jacob Holt at (805) 388-5115 or at

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Prepared by:

Detective Jacob Holt #4360

News Release Date:

October 12, 2018

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Approved by:

Captain Jeremy Paris

Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which

leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).

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El Rio - Suspect in Deputy Involved Shooting Identified

10/11/2018 6:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Suspect Identified in El Rio Officer Involved Shooting

Report Number:

18-158434

Location:

Cortez Avenue north of Stroube Street, El Rio

Date & Time:

October 9, 2018 at 8:46am

Unit(s) Responsible:

West County Patrol Services, Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau

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

(S) Reyes, Corrina Transient (El Rio) 36

Narrative:

The woman who was shot and wounded by a sheriff's deputy Tuesday morning has been identified as Corrina Reyes, 36, of El Rio.

Reyes was booked at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura Thursday afternoon for assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer after she was released from a local hospital. Reyes was shot in the hand when she threatened a deputy with a hammer while he tried to arrest her for an outstanding felony warrant.

Reyes will appear in court on Friday, October 12, 2018 for the felony warrant for battery on an emergency responder. She is due to appear Monday, October 15, 2018 for the new charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer. Reyes' bail has been set at \$500,000.00. The name of the deputy involved in the shooting is Nikolai Castaneda, a six-year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Castaneda was not injured during the incident.

Prepared by:

Sgt. Eric Buschow

News Release Date:

October 11, 2018

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Captain Garo Kuredjian

Fillmore - Pedestrian Struck and Killed by Vehicle

10/11/2018 5:30:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

Fatal traffic collision

Report Number:

18-159533

Location:

700 block of Ventura Street (State Route 126), Fillmore

Date & Time:

10-11-18 @ 6:08 AM

Unit(s) Responsible:

Fillmore Police Department

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

(D) Male pedestrian Fillmore 66

(P) Male driver Castaic 62

Narrative:

At approximately 6:08 AM, October 11, 2018, deputies along with emergency personnel with the Fillmore Fire Department and American Medical Response, responded to a call of a vehicleversus-pedestrian traffic collision in the 700 block of Ventura Street (State Route 126) in Fillmore.

A 66-year-old male resident of Fillmore had been struck by a pickup truck in the westbound #2 lane (the lane closest to the curb). He suffered traumatic injuries and was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver, a 62-year-old male resident of Castaic, was uninjured, and the preliminary investigation did not indicate drug or alcohol impairment by the driver.

Anyone with information about the collision, which remains under investigation, is asked to contact Senior Deputy Shawn Holzberger at 805-388-5146.

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

10/11/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:

Adult Drivers

Police Department Offers 'Start' Smart' Driving Program for Young

Location:

Community Room

2101 E. Olsen Rd.

Thousand Oaks Police Station

Date & Time:

Thursday, November 29th , 2018, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Unit Responsible:

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 November 29th 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.

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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Fillmore - Local Man Arrested for Residential Burglary

10/12/2018 1:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:		Residential Burglary Arrest
Report Number:		18-159139
Location:		300 block of "A" Street, Fillmore
Date & Time:		10-10-18 @ 12:20 PM
Unit(s) Responsible:		Fillmore Police Department, Sheriff's Gang Unit
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Chadwick Hope	Fillmore	21
Narrative:		
<p>At about 12:20 PM, on October 10</p> <p>The investigation quickly identified a suspect and with the assistance of the Sheriff's Gang Unit, (S) Chadwick Hope was arrested as he walked away from his residence later that afternoon. At the time of his arrest, Hope was in possession of one of the stolen handguns, which was loaded and hidden in his waistband. Hope also had a set of metal knuckles in his possession when arrested.</p> <p>A search warrant was served at Hope's residence later that evening and the second firearm, additional stolen property, and other evidence connecting him to the burglary was seized. Hope was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility for the charges listed below and remains in custody with bail set at \$50,000.00:</p> <p>th, 2018, deputies with the Fillmore Police Department responded to a residential burglary that had occurred in an apartment in the 300 block of "A" Street in Fillmore. The victim of the burglary reported that two handguns and other property had been stolen from his apartment while he was away that morning.</p> <p>Penal Code 459 ' Burglary</p> <p>Penal Code 21710 ' Possession of composite knuckles</p> <p>Penal Code 487(d)(2) ' Grant theft of a firearm (2 counts)</p> <p>Penal Code 25400(a)(2) ' Carrying a concealed and loaded firearm</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Attempt to Identify Fraud Suspect

10/12/2018 11:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Attempt to Identify Fraud Suspect	
Report Number:	18-139702	
Location:	Several Retailers ' Thousand Oaks, CA	
Date & Time:	September 4, 2018 @ 3:55 PM	
Unit Responsible:	Thousand Oaks Police Investigative Bureau	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Adult Female	Unknown	25-30
Narrative:		
<p>On September 4, 2018, an unidentified female entered several retailers in the city of Thousand Oaks and committed fraud utilizing a Coinstar machine located inside each of the retail stores. The amount of the fraud exceeded \$950.00.</p> <p>Thousand Oaks Detectives are requesting the public's assistance to identify the female. Anyone who can identify the suspect is asked to contact Detective Tim Lohman (805) 494-8232.</p> <p>The Thousand Oaks Police Department would like to thank the members of the public for their continued support and assistance in providing information to solve these crimes. We are better at what we do because of our community partnerships.</p>		
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Thousand Oaks - Update to Wednesday's Deputy-Involved Shooting

10/12/2018 10:00:00 AM

Nature of Incident:	Update to Wednesday's Deputy-Involved Shooting	
Report Number:	18-158882	
Location:	Hillcrest Drive @ Duesenberg Drive Thousand Oaks	
Date & Time:	October 10, 2018 @ 1:14 a.m.	
(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent	City of Residence	Age
(S) Johnson, Michael	Thousand Oaks	26
Narrative:		
<p>The man who was shot by sheriff's deputies early Wednesday morning has been identified as Michael Johnson, 26, of Thousand Oaks. Johnson was involved in a traffic collision at 1:14 a.m. on October 10, 2018 on Hillcrest Drive east of Duesenberg Drive in Thousand Oaks.</p> <p>When deputies contacted Johnson, he confronted them with a knife and moved toward the deputies. Deputies tried to convince Johnson to drop the knife, but he did not comply. Deputies fired bean bag rounds from a less-lethal shotgun, striking Johnson multiple times in an effort to safely end the confrontation. However, he did not drop the knife and continued to advance toward the deputies in a threatening manner, leaving them no choice but to use lethal force. Deputies shot Johnson, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.</p> <p>The deputies involved in the shooting were Sgt. Russell King, a 23-year veteran of the sheriff's office and Deputy Justyn Czyrkli, a six-year veteran.</p>		
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Ventura - Ten Arrested During Sweep of Public Nuisance Area

10/15/2018 12:00:00 PM

Nature of Incident:

City of Ventura Public Nuisance

Report Number:

18-116449

Location:

200 Block of West Harrison Avenue

Date & Time:

10/12/18 0700 hours

Unit(s) Responsible:

Task Force, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Ventura
County Animal Control, Ventura County Child Protective Services, Ventura
Police Department, Post Release Offender Supervision Unit, Ventura Police
Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Post Release Offender Unit, Ventura
County Sheriff's K9 Unit, Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit

City of Ventura Code Enforcement, California National Guard Counter Drug

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

(S) Dustin Townley Ventura 39
(S) Marcos Angulo Ventura 43
(S) Francisco Bonifacio Ventura 30
(S) Christine Loera Port Hueneme 33
(S) John Anderson Thousand Oaks 52
(S) Cesar Alvarez Camarillo 43
(S) Marie Snyder Oak View 33
(S) Ciara Ashford Santa Paula 23
(S) Rebecca Deleon Ventura 32
(S) Deborah Fernow Ojai 58

Narrative:

On 10/12/18, the Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit concluded a two month multi-agency investigation into a City of Ventura public nuisance within the 200 Block of West Harrison Avenue. Investigators worked closely with the community to resolve this neighborhood nuisance. The multi-condominium property within the 200 Block of Harrison Avenue was overrun by squatters for the past year. The property had become a safe haven for gang members, narcotics users, wanted felons, wanted parolees, and other known dangerous criminals within Ventura County.

During the service of the search warrant at the property, a large quantity of methamphetamine and heroin was recovered. Numerous arrests were made of individuals with outstanding Ventura County felony warrants, parolees at large, and under the influence of a controlled substance.

City of Ventura Code Enforcement deemed the property unsafe to live and red tagged the property. Ventura County Child Protective Services contacted numerous children residing on the property to determine their safety and well-being. Ventura County Animal Control responded and rescued sixteen dogs living in poor sanitary conditions.

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