



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Arson Arrest

**Location:** Ventura River Bottom at Main St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 09/24/16 @ 1341 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire, California State Parks

**Suspect(s):** Timothy Bowman, 55 years, Vagrant

**Report #:** 16-13382

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, officers responded to assist Ventura City Fire personnel on scene of a fire incident near the Ventura River Bottom and Main St. Fire personnel were investigating a report of smoke seen coming from the river bottom, when witnesses reported to them that a subject, later identified as Timothy Bowman, was observed igniting other small fires near the entrance to the Emma Wood Group Camp. Bowman left the area on foot and walked onto the northbound lanes of Highway 101. Officers, and State Parks Rangers, responded and were able to detain Bowman as he attempted to flee on foot. Officers and fire investigators were able to determine that Bowman was involved in setting several small fires in the area.

The original fire in the river bottom that was reported to the fire department reignited and was last reported to be approximately ¼ acre in size. In addition to Ventura City Fire, personnel from Ventura County Fire Department and CalFire were also called in to assist in containing the fire. The County's helicopter was used for water drops.

It was not known if Bowman was responsible for igniting the larger fire in the river bottom, although he was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for arson.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://www.venturapd.org)*

*If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.*

*If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.*

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