

CITY OF  
**VENTURA**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Incident:** Battery on a Citizen and Battery on an Officer arrest

**Location:** 1800 Block of E. Main St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 10/7/16 @ 1707 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Patrol Officers

**Victim(s):** Female citizen

**Suspect(s):** Michelle Garcia, 34 years, Oxnard vagrant.

**Report #:** 16-13998

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time a female citizen was walking in the 1800 block of E. Main St. in Ventura when a female vagrant approached her and punched her in the back of the head. The vagrant fled the scene and a witness called the police. VPD patrol officers responded, canvassed the area, and located a suspect in a nearby bar. Both the victim and witness identified that suspect, Michelle Garcia, as the person who committed the battery.

Officers placed Garcia under arrest and she resisted by kicking an officer in the leg twice. Garcia was restrained and transported to the Ventura County Jail without further incident. None of the involved parties, including the officer, were injured during this incident.

Garcia was booked in jail for Battery and Battery on a Peace Officer. This is not the first time Garcia has battered an officer as she is currently on probation for Battery on a Peace Officer and Theft.

*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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