



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Stolen Vehicle Arrests

**Location:** 200 block of South Garden Street, Ventura

**Date/Time Occurred:** 11/3/16 @ 0849 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol

**Suspect(s):** #1 Nicholas Gebber, 22 years of Ventura  
#2 Maria Vela, 26 years of Ventura

**Report #:** 16-15295

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, an alert citizen called to report suspicious circumstances. Two people were seen unloading a large amount of property from a parked vehicle in the 200 block of South Garden Street and then walked away into the surrounding neighborhood. A records check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen.

As officers arrived, they checked the surrounding area and located the two suspects in an adjacent residential complex. The subsequent investigation revealed Gebber was responsible for the stolen vehicle and Vela was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. Gebber, who is a Post Release Offender for prior possession of stolen vehicle, narcotics and shoplifting, was arrested and booked into Ventura County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle. Vela, who is on local probation for previous drug and property crime charges, was arrested and booked at Ventura County Jail for possession of a controlled substance.

*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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