



## NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Incident:** Armed Robbery

**Location:** Harbor Blvd. and San Jon Road

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1/19/17 @1308 hours

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

**Victim:** Richard Lyons, 60 years, Ventura Vagrant

**Suspect:** Martha Berber, 33 years, Ventura Vagrant

**Report #:** 17-00869

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of several subjects in an argument with a female brandishing a knife. Officers arrived on scene and contacted several people in the area including the suspect and victim.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim was in the area drying out some of his property that had been soaked by the recent rain. The suspect approached the victim, brandished a knife and demanded the victim's property. The victim was in fear of being stabbed and backed away at which time the suspect grabbed the victim's property and left. The victim was not injured as a result of this crime.

The suspect was found to be in possession of the victims property and arrested without incident for 211 PC, Armed Robbery and booked at Ventura County Jail.

Anyone with further information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488. An anonymous tip can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

*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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