



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Resisting Arrest, Warrants

**Location:** 2300 Block of Woodpecker Ave.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 02/27/17 @ 0451 hrs.

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

**Suspect(s):** Jose Martinez, 37 years, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 17-2682

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of a male heard yelling in the front yard of a residence in the 2300 block of Woodpecker Ave. As officers arrived on scene they saw the suspect, later identified Jose Martinez, and a second subject standing in front of a residence, holding flashlights. When Martinez saw the officers, he fled on foot towards the backyard of the residence, while the second subject went inside. Officers chased Martinez and caught him as he attempted to climb over a rear fence.

While searching Martinez, officers located ammunition in his pockets. As officers continued to search the yard, they found a discarded handgun, which matched the ammunition found in his possession.

Martinez was booked into the Ventura County Jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm, resisting arrest and misdemeanor warrants.

The second subject was also detained and booked for narcotics related charges.

This particular residence is currently under investigation by the City's Code Enforcement as a public nuisance.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

*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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