



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Arson Arrest

Location: Ventura Avenue/Prospect

Date/Time Occurred: 03/11/17 0324 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol and Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Elisabeth Hurtadovera, 37 years Ventura Resident

Report #: 17-03307

Narrative:

On the above date, between the hours of 0021 and 0324 hours, Ventura City Fire personnel along with Ventura patrol officers responded to numerous fires throughout the city. The fires started in the area of Shenandoah Street and Portola Road at 0021 hours. At 0145 hours, Ventura city fire and VPD responded to four additional fires in the 2400-2600 block of Main Street.

At 0324 hours, an alert citizen observed a female subject, later identified as Hurtadovera, set a fire to a trash can and shopping cart in the area of Ventura Avenue and Prospect Road. The citizen contacted the Ventura Police Department Command Center and continued to watch Hurtadovera as she proceeded northbound on Ventura Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and contacted Hurtadovera in the area of Barnett and Ventura Avenue.

Hurtadovera admitted to setting the fires with an excuse. She was arrested and booked at Ventura County Jail for Arson.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at 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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