



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Possession of a Loaded Firearm

**Location:** Olive St. and Center St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 03/13/17 @ 1629 hrs.

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

**Suspect(s):** Miguel Ortiz, 19 years, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 17-3438

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, a patrol officer was patrolling the area of Olive St. and Center St., and made a traffic stop on a vehicle for a moving violation. The driver of the vehicle was contacted and the suspect, later identified as Miguel Ortiz, was found to be a passenger sitting in the rear seat.

During a search of the vehicle, a loaded 45 caliber handgun was found concealed under the front passenger's seat. It was determined that Ortiz had possessed the firearm prior to being pulled over by the officer. He was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for possession of a loaded firearm.

The driver was cited for having an open container in the vehicle and released.

*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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