



MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident: Possession for sales, Transportation, Warrant arrest

Location: 100 block Fox St, Ojai

Date/Time Occurred: 4/14/17 @ 1300 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Street Crimes Unit Detectives, VPD Special Enforcement Team Detectives

Suspect(s): Joseph Espinoza, 36 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 17-04865

Narrative:

On the above date and time, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Detectives concluded a several weeks long investigation into the sales of methamphetamine by a suspect who frequently traveled between Ventura and Ojai.

This morning VPD detectives conducted a surveillance of the suspect identified as Ventura resident Joseph Espinoza. Detectives followed Espinoza as he drove to several locations in Ojai and when he stopped in the 100 block of Fox St the detectives moved in and took him into custody without incident.

During the search of Espinoza's vehicle detectives located a quarter ounce of methamphetamine along with other items of evidence that indicated the methamphetamine was possessed for the purpose of sales.

Espinoza was transported to VPD for questioning while detectives served search warrants at two locations in Ventura where Espinoza had been recently living.

The search warrants were served in the 1200 block of Carlsbad Pl and the 1300 block of Saratoga Ave.

Additional items of evidence were located at both of these locations that indicated Espinoza was involved in the sales of methamphetamine.

Espinoza was later transported and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail on felony charges of transportation, possession for sales, and a felony warrant for a probation violation on a prior transportation arrest.

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.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime please contact the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Narc Hotline at 805-339-4331. An anonymous tip can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

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