



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of a Prohibited Assault Weapon, Possession of Narcotics and Paraphernalia

Location: Telephone and Kimball

Date/Time Occurred: 06/05/17 @ 1611 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Zosimo Esparza, 31 year old, Santa Paula Resident

Report #: 17-07303

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a concerned citizen called the Ventura Police Department reference a suspicious vehicle that was seen in the area for an extended period of time. The citizen was concerned that the subject in the vehicle was possibly casing residences. Ventura Police Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area and located a vehicle matching the description, and stopped the vehicle after observing a vehicle code violation.

During the investigation, officers located ammunition, narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia in the suspect's possession. Further investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of a loaded Assault Weapon in the vehicle that is prohibited in the State of California.

Esparza was transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked for the above mentioned charges without incident.

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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