

CITY OF  
**VENTURA**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NEWS RELEASE**

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Date / Time of News Release: 7/20/17 @ 0515 hrs.

**Incident:** Armed Robbery Arrest

**Location:** Skating Plus – 1728 Mesa Verde Ave

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7-19-17 / 2140 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol Officers, Major Crimes Detectives

**Suspect(s):** 1) Terry Stephenson, 31-year-old Santa Paula Resident  
2) Alexander Duarte, 19-year-old Oxnard Resident

**Victim(s):** 19-year-old male, Name Withheld

**Report #:** 17-09498

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the victim was sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot of Skating Plus when the suspects drove up in a vehicle. They approached the victim and then started reaching into his vehicle and taking some of his personal property. When he protested, one suspect produced a handgun, pointed it at the victim, and took his valuables. The suspects fled the area and the victim was able to enter Skating Plus to get help and call 9-1-1.

Responding officers obtained detailed suspect information and quickly determined a possible suspect. Investigative leads resulted in officers locating the suspects in the Downtown area of Ventura. Stephenson and Duarte were identified as the suspects of the robbery and they were found to be in possession of the victim's property that had been stolen during the robbery.

Stephenson was arrested for Robbery, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Duarte was arrested for Robbery. Both suspects were booked at the Ventura County Jail.

Anyone with further information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Ventura Police Department at 805-650-8010.

*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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