



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Felony Resisting an Officer, Battery on a Police Officer

**Location:** 3291 Loma Vista Rd. (Ventura County Medical Center)

**Date/Time Occurred:** 07/07/17 @ 1614 hrs.

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

**Suspect(s):** Van Null, 30 years, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 17-8822

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the officer assigned to work inside of the emergency room at the Ventura County Medical Center was contacted by hospital security and told that a subject, later identified as Null, was disturbing and refusing to leave the front lobby. When the officer contacted Null and asked him to leave, Null immediately took a fighting stance and tried to punch the officer.

The officer attempted to take Null into custody, but he began to violently resist the officer. Additional officers who were inside of the ER, along with an ER staff member, went to assist the officer and after a brief struggle, Null was taken into custody.

After being handcuffed, Null spit on one of the officers.

Null was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony resisting arrest and misdemeanor battery on a police officer.

No officers were injured as a result of this incident.

*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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