



MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident: Possession of a controlled substance arrest

Location: 100 block James Dr Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 7/12/17 @ 0830 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Street Crimes Unit Detectives, Ventura City Code Enforcement

Suspect(s): #1 – Victor Leon, 43 years, Ventura resident #2 – Jose Hernandez, 38 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 17-09107

Narrative:

On the above date and time, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Detectives assisted city Code Enforcement officers with an inspection warrant in the 100 block of James Dr.

This location has been the subject of several prior narcotic investigations and two of the residents recently pleaded guilty to maintaining a place of drug use.

This morning when detectives and code enforcement arrived two subjects were located sleeping in an unauthorized converted garage and four more subjects were located sleeping in an unpermitted back house.

All of these subjects were detained and later cited by code enforcement. One of the subjects identified as Jose Hernandez was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest re narcotic violations. He was later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

During the inspection of the property, numerous items of narcotic paraphernalia were observed that indicated to detectives that drugs are still openly being used. One of the residents, Victor Leon, was arrested for possession of a small amount of methamphetamine that was located in his makeshift sleeping area.

Detectives also noticed a small coin type purse in a vacant parking lot directly behind the converted garage. It was believed that this purse was discarded through the open garage window over the back fence.

Detectives constructed a pole with a hook and were able to retrieve this purse that was found to contain over two ounces of methamphetamine, over one-half ounce of heroin, and a small quantity of cocaine. It was estimated that the street value of these narcotics was approximately \$2,000.00.

It was not known who discarded the purse over the fence and detectives will conduct further forensic tests to determine who was in possession of this item.

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.

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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