



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Conspiracy and Burglary Arrests

**Location:** Target 4200 E Main St

**Date/Time Occurred:** 091317 / 2200 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol Officers

**Suspect(s):** #1 – Black male, 20's, 602 thin build blue hat, gray hooded sweatshirt, gray sweat pants  
#2 – Willie Christer, 32 yrs, Bakersfield resident  
#3 – Kevin Davis, 29 yrs, Bakersfield resident

**Report Number:** 17-12209

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a Loss Prevention Officer at Target reporting that two male suspects were inside the store attempting to break a glass cabinet in an attempt to steal valuable electronic items. Officers arrived on scene and located one of the suspects still trying to break the glass cabinet. The suspect fled through Target to the rear of the store and got into a red sedan that was outside waiting for the suspects. The other suspect, later identified as Willie Christer, fled out of the front entrance.

As the red sedan was leaving Target, another officer saw the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle stopped and the suspect that was trying to break the glass cabinet ran away from the car and was not located. The driver of the car, Kevin Davis, remained in the car along with an uninvolved female passenger. Officers searched the area for the outstanding suspects and located Christer nearby.

After further investigation, officers learned that this was a recent pattern of a group of thieves stealing from Targets in Southern California by working in concert with each other to break into glass cabinets and steal electronics. Due to the quick response by the police officers, the suspects were unable to take any electronics from Target during this incident.

Christer and Davis were both arrested for conspiracy and burglary and were later booked into the Ventura County Jail. The female was released at the scene. One suspect is still outstanding.

*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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