



MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident: Possession for sales, Felon in possession of firearms, Felony warrants

Location: 100 Block E Simpson Street

Date/Time Occurred: 9/12/17 at 1325 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Street Crimes Unit Detectives, VPD SET Detectives, VPD K-9 officer, Ventura Code Enforcement

Suspect(s): 1 – James Meeks, 52, Ventura resident
2 – Charles Doyle, 66 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 17-12143

Narrative:

On the above date and time, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Detectives concluded an investigation into the suspected sales of methamphetamine from a residence in the 100 block of E Barnett Street.

Detectives observed the suspect, James Meeks, in a vehicle on E Simpson St and took him into custody for two outstanding felony warrants related to the sales and transportation of a controlled substance. At the time of his arrest, Meeks was found to be in possession of over an ounce of suspected methamphetamine.

Detectives then served a search warrant on Meeks' residence in the 100 block of E Barnett Street. During the search, detectives seized an additional two and a half ounces of suspected methamphetamine, cash that was suspected of being profits from illicit narcotic sales, and over forty-six firearms which included rifles and handguns.

Other items of evidence indicating that sales of methamphetamine were occurring from this residence were also identified and seized.

A second resident at this location, Charles Doyle, was found to be in possession of a small amount of suspected methamphetamine and had many of the firearms unsecured in his bedroom.

Both Meeks and Doyle were transported to VPD for interrogation and were later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail on several felony charges including Possession for sales, Felon in possession of firearms, Possession of a controlled substance and firearms, and Narcotic addict in possession of firearms.

City Code Enforcement responded to inspect substandard living conditions at this residence.

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.