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Incident: Safe and Clean Efforts

Location: Downtown Corridor

Date/Time Occurred: 09/13/17, between the hours of 1400-1900 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Patrol Task Force, VCSO Mounted Enforcement Unit, State Parks, Ventura County Probation, California Highway Patrol, Simi Valley PD

Narrative:

As part of the City of Ventura's ongoing efforts to respond to concerns from the community as well as business merchants regarding drug use and drug paraphernalia in the parks and surrounding areas of the downtown corridor, the Ventura Police Department, partnered with allied agencies, conducted enhanced foot patrols in the downtown corridor on September 13, 2017 between the hours of 1400 and 1900 hours.

The goal of the City of Ventura's Safe and Clean Initiative is to ensure safe and clean public places for the entire community to enjoy. One of the core elements of this effort is to direct and leverage limited resources to better address illegal and quality of life behaviors in public spaces.

As a result of this effort a total of 19 arrests were made in the downtown corridor:

- 13 arrests for being under the influence of a controlled substance (misdemeanor)
- 2 arrests for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor)
- 3 arrests for violation of probation
- 1 arrest for a robbery warrant out of Orange County (felony)

The locations of these arrests included:

- 5 at Plaza Park, 600 E. Santa Clara St.
- 2 at Mission Park, 190 E. Main St.
- 2 at Promenade Park, 398 Figueroa St.
- 10 various locations in and around the downtown corridor

The City of Ventura is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the community by making a concerted effort to support the Safe and Clean Initiative.

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.