



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Suicidal Subject

**Location:** 6600 Telephone Rd.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 09/20/17 @ 1739 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

**Victim(s):** Male Adult, 24 years, Ventura Resident

**Report Number:** 17-12513

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from a caller reporting a subject threatening to harm himself with a knife. The subject, a 24-year-old male adult, was the ex-husband of the caller and had broken into her apartment. He had also made threats to turn on the gas stove and cause an explosion.

Officers arrived on scene and evacuated everyone from the neighboring apartments.

At first, the subject was uncooperative with officers and refused to speak to them or even make it known he was inside the apartment. Officers, who are trained in crisis intervention, continued attempts to make contact with the subject by making announcements over a PA system. After approximately 2 hours, the subject came to the door of the apartment. Officers made verbal contact with him and convinced him to exit the apartment. He was safely contacted and ultimately transported to Ventura County Mental Health for an evaluation.

It was determined the subject had in fact turned on the gas stove, which had been left on for several hours and filled the apartment with gas. Ventura Fire Department personnel were called to ensure the apartment was safe for the residents. Once it was determined to be safe, all of the residents were allowed to return home.

No one was 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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