



NEWS RELEASE

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Date and Time of Release: 10/16/17 @1400 hours

Incident: Possession of Concealed Firearm and Controlled Substance Arrest

Location: Park Row Avenue & Olive Street

Date/Time Occurred: 10/16/17 @ 0840 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Joseph Martinez 51, Ventura Resident

Report #: 17- 13691

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a Ventura Police officer was patrolling the area of Park Row Avenue and Olive Street, and conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle, Joseph Martinez was contacted and found to have suspended driver's license.

During a search of the vehicle, officers located a loaded handgun and a bag of controlled substance lying on the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Martinez was placed under arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony possession of a loaded firearm, felony possession of a controlled substance while in possession of a loaded firearm and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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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