



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Possession of Stolen Property, Narcotics Arrests

Location: Dupont Ct/ and Goodyear Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 10/11/17 @ 0855 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Street Crimes Detectives

Suspect(s): Brandon Benard, 35 years, Vagrant

Report #: Multiple Reports

Narrative:

On the above date and time, an officer was patrolling the area of Dupont Ct. and Goodyear Ave., when he saw a parked vehicle with a female inside that he knew had several warrants for her arrest. The officer stopped and made contact with the female, who was a passenger in the vehicle, and the male driver, later identified as Brandon Benard.

During a search of the vehicle, officers found a backpack that belonged to Benard. Inside the backpack officers found property that did not belong to Bernard or the wanted female. After further investigation, it was determined the property in the backpack had recently been taken during several vehicle burglaries in the sheriff department's jurisdiction near the Faria area of the Pacific Coast Highway. Officers also determined that Benard was showing signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Benard was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for being in possession of stolen property and under the influence of a controlled substance. At the time of this arrest, Bernard was out on bail from a previous arrest for similar charges.

Several victims who had vehicles broken into early in the day were contacted and all of the stolen property was returned to them.

The 37-year-old female was arrested for several misdemeanor warrants and for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. A second 27-year-old male, who was contacted by officers in an associated motorhome that was parked nearby, was also arrested for several misdemeanor drug related charges.

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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