



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Narcotic/Opiate Related Arrests

**Location:** 4800 block of Telephone Rd and 9300 block of Neath St

**Date/Time Occurred:** 11/15/17 at 0830 hours and 1445 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Street Crimes Unit Detectives, VPD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** #1 – Thea Goldstein, 30 years, Ventura resident  
#2 – Taylor Carr, 24 years, Ventura resident  
#3 – Christian Shatswell, 28 years, Ventura resident.

**Report #:** 17-15070 and 17-15089

### **Narrative:**

On 11/15/17 Detectives with the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit conducted two separate investigations involving the sales and unlawful use of opiate based controlled substances.

This morning at 8:30 am Street Crimes Detectives made contact with an unknown suspect who was offering to sell an opiate based controlled substance over an online website. Detectives negotiated a price and set a meet location in the Ventura Gateway Center parking lot.

Detectives were waiting at the meet location for a short period of time when two female suspects arrived on foot. Detectives watched as one of the suspects answered calls from an undercover detective.

Uniformed detectives then moved in and detained Thea Goldstein and Taylor Carr. Both were found to be in possession of Suboxone, an opiate based narcotic. Also the suspect's cell phone had the recent calls from the undercover detective's phone. Both Goldstein and Carr were arrested for felony furnishing a controlled substance and conspiracy.

They were later transported and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

Later in the day Street Crimes Unit Detectives served a search warrant at a residence in the 9300 block of Neath St reference the suspect, Christian Shatswell, using forged prescriptions to unlawfully obtain oxycodone and hydrocodone, both an opiate based narcotic, from several local pharmacies.

Shatswell was detained during the search warrant and later arrested for the felony crimes of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, using a forged prescription, and commercial burglary.

She was later transported and booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

These investigations are ongoing. Anyone with information about these crimes please contact the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Narc Hotline at 805-339-4331.

*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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