



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Shooting ***Update Arrest***

Location: 2800 Block of Johnson Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: 12/29/17 @ 1903 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura Police K-9 Unit, Ventura Police Major Crimes Detectives, Ventura Police Crime Scene Investigators, Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Josue Rizo, 21 Years, Santa Paula Resident

Report #: 17-17266

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of shooting victim in the parking of the Northbank Plaza in the 2800 block of Johnson Dr. Patrol officers, along with Ventura City Fire and AMR personnel, responded to the call and found a 25-year-old male victim suffering from a life threatening gunshot wound to his torso. He was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel, and immediately transported to VCMC. The suspect was last seen by witnesses fleeing the scene westbound on foot.

Officers are currently on scene and conducting an active investigation, with officers and a K-9 searching the area for the suspect. Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators are also responding to the scene. The motive for this shooting is not known. There is no additional information to release at this time. An additional press release will be sent out when the information is available.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4416.

*****UPDATED INFORMATION*****

During this investigation, detectives spoke to witnesses who described a verbal altercation between the victim and suspect just before the shooting. Based on witness statements and security camera video obtained by Ventura PD Detectives, the suspect was identified as Josue Rizo.

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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On January 3rd, 2018, an arrest warrant was issued for Rizo for attempt murder. On January 4th, 2018, at approximately 1940 hours, LAPD patrol officers located Rizo inside a vehicle in the 9100 block of Sharp Avenue in Arleta, California, and took him into custody. A firearm believed to be used in the crime was recovered during the arrest.

Rizo was transported to an LA county jail facility and is awaiting extradition to Ventura County.

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