



## MEDIA RELEASE

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416  
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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Maintaining a Place for the Purpose of Selling a Controlled Substance, Illegal Sales of Marijuana, and Possession of Marijuana for Sales

**Location:** 5755 Valentine Rd.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4/12/18 at 1100 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Street Crimes Unit Detectives, Major Crimes Detectives, and Ventura PD Traffic Unit

**Suspect(s):** Janice Stabile, 54 years of Ventura

**Report #:** 18-4062

### **Narrative:**

On the above date and time, Ventura PD Detectives and members of the Ventura PD Traffic Unit served search and arrest warrants at an illegal marijuana dispensary business called "Canna Nuts" located at 5755 Valentine Rd in Ventura.

With the passage of Proposition 64, titled "The Adult Use of Marijuana Act", possession and use of recreational marijuana became legal in California for people over 21-years-old beginning January of 2018. However, the commercial sale of recreational marijuana now requires both a state license through the Bureau of Cannabis Control and a city business license. The commercial sale of marijuana remains illegal within the Ventura city limits in accordance to our municipal laws.

The Ventura Police Department began the 4-month long investigation after receiving numerous citizen complaints regarding illegal sales of marijuana from the "Canna Nuts" business. Detectives learned that the sole proprietor of the business was the suspect, Janice Stabile, who blatantly advertised the sale of marijuana despite not having a state or city business license. Further investigation revealed that Stabile was actively and routinely selling marijuana.

Detectives detained Stabile at her business and placed her under arrest. Search warrants were then served at Stabile's business and residence in Ventura. Detectives seized over four pounds of marijuana, two firearms, and approximately \$128,000 in cash. Stabile was booked at the Ventura

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County Jail for 11366 HS- Maintaining a Place for Selling a Controlled Substance, 11359(b) HS- Possession of Marijuana for Sale, and 11360(a)(2) HS- Illegal Sale of Marijuana.

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