



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Homicide \*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\*

**Location:** 300 Blk. California St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4-18-18 @ 2120 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Special Enforcement Team (SET), Ventura Patrol Officers, Ventura Major Crimes Detectives

**Suspect(s):** Jamal Jackson, 49 years, Vagrant

**Report #:** 18-5339

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time the Ventura Police Command Center received multiple 911 calls reference a stabbing that had just occurred at Aloha Steakhouse. Officers from the Special Enforcement Team, who were patrolling in the area, quickly arrived on scene. The officers observed a group of people standing on the Ventura Promenade who had chased the suspect (Jackson) from the crime scene and onto the beach. The officers made their way to the beach and approached Jackson ordering him to the ground. Jackson complied with the officers and was detained without incident.

At the same time other responding officers contacted the victim and found that he was suffering from a life threatening stab wound to the neck. The officers rendered first aid to the victim until Ventura City Fire and AMR arrived on scene. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was taken immediately into surgery. The status of the victim is unknown at this time.

This case is an ongoing investigation and anyone with any information is encouraged to call Ventura Police Department Detectives at 805-339-4488.

**\*\*\*UPDATED INFORMATION\*\*\***

During the investigation of the stabbing, it was revealed the suspect, Jamal Jackson, had been in the area of the promenade near the Crowne Plaza Hotel for several hours prior to the crime. The Ventura Police Department received a call at 6:23 p.m. from a bystander who reported a man yelling and being disruptive on the promenade. At the time of the call, patrol resources in the area

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were assigned to other calls for service. In response, Command Center staff used the pier security camera system to observe a man matching the caller's description. That man was later determined to be Jackson.

The Command Center staff watched Jackson's behavior for more than 20 minutes until Jackson walked away from the camera's view. During that time, Command Center staff determined Jackson did not appear to be disturbing or threatening and cancelled the call for service before patrol resources became available.

We are asking for the public's help in our investigation. The video footage shows several people interacting with Jackson. The Ventura Police Department would like to speak with those people and anyone else who had contact with Jackson. The video is available for public view at the following link <https://vimeo.com/265835662/f77c6945d9>. If you have information, please contact Sgt. Matt Cain (805)-339-4488.

The Ventura Police Department sends our sincere condolences to the Mele family and all those impacted by this tragic loss and horrific crime. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

The Ventura Police Department has increased their focus area patrols in the promenade area.

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