

**Incident:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of a Loaded Firearm with Narcotics, Possession of Illegal Narcotics for Sale, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia, and a Parole Violation

**Location:** 5900 Block of Eight St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 06/12/18 @ 0748 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** Angel Esparza, 27 years, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 18-8075

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a subject observed sleeping in a vehicle in front of a residence in the 5900 block of Eight St. Officers responded to the call and found Esparza sleeping in the front seat, and could see illegal narcotics in plain view.

During a search of his vehicle, officers found that Esparza had a large amount of methamphetamine and heroin packaged for sales on his person. There was also a loaded handgun located under the car seat he had been sitting on. It was later revealed that the handgun found in the vehicle was reported stolen out of a residential burglary in Simi Valley.

Esparza was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a loaded firearm with narcotics, possession of illegal narcotics for sales, possession of stolen property, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and a parole violation.

According to the Ventura County Superior Court website, in both August and November of 2012, Esparza was convicted of being in possession of a stolen vehicle and being involved in a criminal street gang.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://www.venturapd.org)*

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*If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.*