



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Foot Pursuit Concealed Weapon Arrest

**Location:** 399 Figueroa Surfers Point

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7-21-2018 @ 2033 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol Officers, California State Parks Rangers

**Suspect(s):** Oscar Espino 27 years, Ventura resident

**Report #:** 18-09996

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call reporting that a wanted subject (Espino) was seen walking on the Promenade going towards the Pier from Surfers Point parking lot. As the first officer arrived on scene he spotted Espino on the pier. Espino knowing that he had been seen by the officer actively tried to evade the officer.

As more officers arrived, a lengthy foot pursuit ensued that lead officers from the pier to the Harbor Blvd parking structure. During the foot pursuit Espino refused to comply with orders from the officers to stop. Espino eventually made it to the intersection of Harbor and California where he was cornered by both VPD officers and a State Parks Ranger. Again, Espino refused to comply with verbal commands and he was forced to the ground and taken into custody. A search of Espino after the arrest, officers discovered that he was carrying a concealed machete hidden inside his pants.

Espino suffered minor injuries during the arrest and was transported to VCMC for a medical clearance before being booked into VCJ. Espino was arrested for 21310 PC, felony possession of the dirk or dagger and 148(a)(1) PC, misdemeanor resisting or delaying an officer as well as his warrants.

*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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