



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** K9 assisted Arrest

**Location:** 2875 Elba St. Mission Church parking lot

**Date/Time Occurred:** 07-16-18 @ 1505 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol and Ventura K9 officer

**Suspect(s):** Brandon Beechum 31 years, Vagrant

**Report #:** 18-09751

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, a Ventura Patrol officer was in the area of Mission Church, when he saw a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot occupied by two males. The officer made contact with the two and during the course of the contact, learned that the vehicle was not registered to either of the subjects. A Ventura Police K9 officer arrived to assist the patrol officer and while walking around the vehicle with his K9, the K9 alerted to possible narcotics in the vehicle. The K9 officer conducted a second walk around of the vehicle and his K9 again alerted at the same spot as before.

The officers detained the suspect Beechum and conducted a search of the vehicle. During the search a methamphetamine pipe was found inside the vehicle and Beechum admitted to recently smoking methamphetamine. Also during the search, several hundred shower coins from a local State Parks Campground were found. State Parks later determined that the coins had been stolen.

Beechum was arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia, and he was transported to Ventura County Jail. According to the Ventura County Superior Court website, Beechum currently has two open cases, one for possession of a stolen vehicle and a second for exhibiting a deadly weapon. No one was injured during the arrest.

*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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