



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Brandishing a Firearm and Possession of Methamphetamine Arrest

**Location:** 1000 block of North Ventura Avenue

**Date/Time Occurred:** 8/1/18 @ 1708 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol Officers

**Suspect(s):** Paul Diaz, 64 years of Ventura

**Report #:** 18-10487

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, patrol officers responded to a report of a brandishing of a firearm that had occurred at a business. An employee and a customer were involved in an argument, and the customer pulled a handgun and brandished it. He fled prior to officers arriving. After a lengthy search, officers were unable to locate him. The investigation revealed the suspect was Paul Diaz.

On 8/2/18 @ 1247 hours, officers received information that the suspect was walking in the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue. Responding officers found him and took him into custody. The gun was not located but the suspect was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. At the conclusion of the investigation, Diaz was booked into Ventura County Jail on the charges of brandishing a firearm (felony) and possession of methamphetamine (misdemeanor).

*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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