



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Vandalism Arrest

**Location:** 699 Brakey Rd. (The Cross)

**Date/Time Occurred:** 07/07/19 @ 0818 Hours

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

**Suspect(s):** Moises Melendez, DOB: 11/22/94, Riverside Resident

**Report Number:** 19-48035

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of a subject tagging near the Cross at 699 Brakey Rd., inside Serra Cross Park. Officers responded and detained a male, later identified as the suspect Moises Melendez, and a female.

During the investigation, officers spoke to a witness that saw Melendez using a spray paint can to spray graffiti on several locations inside the park. The graffiti, which was found at the base of the Cross and nearby steps, was in excess of \$400 and appeared to be gang related.

Melendez was arrested for felony vandalism and a gang enhancement. The female was not arrested and released from the scene.

The public can report any damage from graffiti by leaving a message on the City of Ventura's Graffiti Removal Hotline number at 654-7805.

*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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