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

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.