



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Robbery

**Location:** 115 W. Main Street (Vons Supermarket)

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7/30/19 @ 2239 hours

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

**Suspect(s):** Michael Soulas 47yrs Ventura area Vagrant

**Report #:** 19-54381

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, patrol officers responded to a report of a robbery in progress at the Vons supermarket. Officers arrived on scene and contacted all involved parties. The investigation revealed, Soulas entered the store and selected several items. Soulas attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. Soulas was contacted by loss prevention and confronted about the theft. Soulas attempted to flee and was restrained by the Loss Prevention officer. Soulas resisted and attempted to stab the loss prevention officer with several sharpened pencils he was holding in his hand. The victim backed away and Soulas attempted to flee. Soulas was confronted in front of the store by several citizens who detained Soulas until Ventura Police officers arrived. The Victim/loss prevention officer was not injured during the altercation.

Soulas was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Robbery and Assault with a deadly weapon.

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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