



## NEWS RELEASE

**Contact: Street Crimes Unit, (805) 339-4468**  
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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Commercial Burglary and Grand Theft Arrest

**Location:** 5600 Block Telephone Rd.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7/25/19 @ 1730

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU), Ventura Police Patrol

**Suspect(s):** William, Bershers (9/3/89) Ventura Vagrant

**Report #:** 19-47811, 19-50297

**Narrative:**

On 7/6/19, the victim reported a subject had stolen personal and store property from the counter of the business. The crime was captured on store video surveillance. During the investigation, the suspect was seen entering the business and taking the property while the clerk was distracted.

On 7/14/19, the same suspect entered the business after closing hours. While inside the business, the suspect forced entry into the kiosk and took property from a display rack and then left the store with the merchandise.

SCU detectives began investigating both crimes and using evidence located at the scene were able to identify the suspect as William Bershers.

On 7/24/19, SCU Detectives located Bershers loitering in the 5600 block of Telephone Rd. and with the assistance of Ventura Police Patrol officers took him into custody without incident. Bershers was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for Grand theft and Commercial Burglary.

A search of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Bershers has prior arrests and convictions for multiple property and drug-related crimes. 484, 21310, and 594pc. 11550, 11352 sales, 11377, 11350, 11364 H&S.

*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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