



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Attempt Homicide

**Location:** 800 block Empire Ave.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 9-18-19 @ 2148 hours

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

**Suspect(s):** Randal Roberts 33 years

**Report #:** 19-67342

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received an open line 911 call. Over the line, the dispatcher could hear an unidentified person yelling in the background that someone had been stabbed. Approximately 15 minutes later a local hospital called the Command Center and informed them that two stabbing victims had just arrived at the hospital.

Officers went to both locations, and during the investigation, officers learned that the two victims were at an apartment in the 800 block of Empire visiting a friend. Sometime during their stay the suspect Randal Roberts, who is the resident of the house, got into a fight with the two victims stabbing each of them multiple times. Both victims suffered non-life threatening stab wounds to their torsos.

As the victims were receiving medical treatment officers at the residence tried to contact Roberts who had locked himself inside. After an extended negotiation with Roberts he finally exited the residence and surrendered to the officers. Roberts was unhurt during the incident and was arrested for felony attempt homicide.

*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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