



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

**Location:** Harbor Blvd. and Olivas Park Dr.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 07/12/20 @ 1640 hrs

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

**Suspect(s):** Maricel Martindale, DOB: 05/12/81, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 20-45809

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received several 911 calls reporting a reckless driver in the area of Harbor Blvd. and Olivas Park Dr. As officers were responding to the call, callers reported the vehicle was continuing northbound on Harbor Blvd. and was close to causing several accidents. An officer saw the vehicle on Harbor Blvd. near the In and Out Burger and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Martindale, failed to stop and vehicle pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit continued traveling on Harbor Blvd., ranging in speeds of 15 – 40 MPH. In the area of Harbor Blvd. and California St., Martindale failed to stop for a stop sign. She continued driving and pulled into the driveway of an apartment building in the 100 block of Palm St., which was close to where she lived. Martindale was taken into custody without incident.

During a search of her vehicle officers found a small amount of a controlled substance. Martindale was arrested for felony evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

*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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