



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Brandishing and Hate Crime Arrest

**Location:** Santa Clara St. at Olive St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 07/21/2020 @ 2011hrs

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

**Suspect(s):** Rene Roberts, DOB: 7-17-75, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 20-47897

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, Ventura Police Officers responded to a disturbance in the area of Santa Clara Ave. and Olive Street. Upon arrival, Investigating Officers learned that two victims, who are black males, and the suspect got into a dispute over parking. During the dispute, Roberts, brandished a knife at the victims and called them racial slurs. Officers contacted Roberts while at the scene and she was taken into custody. There were no reported injuries.

Roberts was arrested for 417 PC - Brandishing and 422.6 PC - Hate Crime.

*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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