



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Vandalism Arrest

Location: 450 West Harrison Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 08/22/2020 @ 1708 Hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s):

Suspect: Omar Gutierrez, 04/29/94, Ventura Resident

Report Number: 20-55424

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of vandalism in progress at the Westpark Community Center at 450 West Harrison Ave. Upon arriving in the area, responding officers located the suspect, Omar Gutierrez, riding away on a bicycle. Officers were able to stop Gutierrez and detain him for further investigation.

Investigating Officers contacted witnesses who saw Gutierrez using a permanent marker to write graffiti on the community center walls. Officers located numerous locations having graffiti and determined that the damage caused by Gutierrez was over \$400. During the investigation, Gutierrez was found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

Gutierrez was arrested for felony vandalism and possession of a controlled substance.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Gutierrez has prior convictions for battery and DUI.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at 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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