



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Arson

Location: Multiple locations on the west end of Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 9/2/2020

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol, Major Crimes, Patrol Task Force

Suspect(s): Hugo Santiago 35 yrs, Ventura Vagrant

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Narrative:

In the evening hours of 9/2/2020 Ventura Police communications center received multiple reports of fires along the Ventura Avenue corridor as well as the Olive Street both north and south of Main street. Ventura City Fire Department responded with patrol officers and quickly extinguished the fires.

Detectives with the Ventura Police Major Crimes unit were able to identify the suspect from video surveillance located in the area of one of the fires. Detectives found Santiago and detained him without incident.

Detectives were able to link Santiago with 4 different intentional fires set on 9/2/2020. Santiago was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Arson.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Santiago has previous arrests for being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and driving without a license.

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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