



MEDIA RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Negligent Discharge of a Firearm, Carrying a Loaded Firearm, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Unlawful Firearm Transfer

Location: Ventura Ave and Mission Ave

Date/Time Occurred: 12/7/20 at 2039 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol, VPD K9 Unit

Suspect(s): Christopher Montoya–Bogarin, 25 years old, Ventura resident

Report #: 20-79745

Narrative:

At the above date and time, VPD officers responded to a call of a man firing a handgun into the air at the intersection of Mission Ave and Ventura Ave. Multiple officers responded in an attempt to locate the armed subject.

After officers arrived and were conducting a search, additional gunfire could be heard in the neighborhood. Officers continued to search the area. Eventually one of the officers on the call located a subject matching the description a short distance away from the original call. The officer safely detained the suspect with the assistance of other officers and K9 unit. The subject was found in possession of a loaded, concealed semi-automatic handgun. The recovered firearm was determined to be obtained through an unlawful transfer.

The subject was ultimately arrested for 246.3 PC Negligent Discharge of a Firearm, 25850 PC Carrying a Loaded Firearm, 25400 PC Carrying a Concealed Firearm, and 27545 PC Unlawful Firearm Transfer.

No involved parties were injured as a result of this crime or arrest.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crime should contact the Ventura Police Watch Commander at (805) 339-4416.

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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