



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Discharging a Firearm in Public Arrest

Location: The Tavern, 211 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 7/12/21 @ 0046 Hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): Michael Zepeda, DOB 6-26-97, Santa Paula Resident

Report #: 21-44906

Narrative:

On 7/12/21, at approximately 0046 hours, officers responded to a call of a gunshot fired to the front of The Tavern located at 211 E. Santa Clara Street. Officers conducted an investigation and determined the suspect was observed inside the bar with a semi-automatic pistol. Security contacted the suspect and escorted him outside. Once outside, the suspect drew the handgun, fired it in the air, and ran east on Santa Clara Street.

Officers canvassed the area and located Michael Zepeda, who matched the description of the suspect loitering near the parking structure located at 555 E. Santa Clara Street. Officers also recovered the handgun. Zepeda was arrested and booked in Ventura County Jail for Penal Code Sections 246.3- Negligent Discharge of a Firearm and 25850(a)- Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Public.

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

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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