

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Incident: Narcotics Arrest

Location: 7400 block Lemur St.

**Date/Time Occurred**: 08-12-21 / 0750

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Street Crime Unit (SCU)

Suspect #1: Michael Nelson 1/6/80 (Ventura Resident)
Suspect #2: Travis Harkey 10/28/83 (Ventura Resident)
Suspect #3: Charlotte Bauer 9/7/88 (Ventura Resident)

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## Narrative:

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, members of the Ventura Police Department SCU unit conducted a search warrant at the above address due to an investigation into narcotics sales and operating a drug house. Detectives using investigative tools were able to identify a primary suspect as Michael Nelson.

During the execution of the search warrant, investigators located evidence of narcotics use. Detectives also recovered several forms of narcotics, including heroin, methamphetamines, suboxone, and oxycodone.

As a result of the investigation, Michael Nelson was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Travis Harkey was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Charlotte Bauer was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

A search of the Ventura County Superior Court shows that Michael Nelson has prior arrests for property crimes, narcotics violations, including arrests for possession for sales of a controlled substance. Travis Harkey has a previous arrest for public intoxication. Charlotte Bauer has prior arrests for resisting arrest, narcotics violations, identity theft, vehicle theft, theft, and burglary.

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.