



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Negligent Discharge of a Firearm, Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Public arrest

Location: Hillside east of Cedar and Shoshone

Date/Time Occurred: 5/6/21 20:31

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol

Suspect(s): Manuel De La Paz, 23 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 21-28307

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a citizen was hiking on a trail between two neighborhoods. While the citizen was hiking, he saw a muzzle flash while also hearing a gunshot coming from below where he was hiking. He then heard a ricocheting bullet near him and fled into the adjacent neighborhood while calling 911.

Multiple Ventura PD officers responded and attempted to find the subjects involved in the shooting. They located a vehicle matching the description and contacted the occupants. One of the occupants was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm within the vehicle. That subject, Manuel De La Paz, was also determined to be the subject who fired a gun in the general direction of the hiker and nearby homes.

De La Paz was arrested for 246.3 (A) PC - Negligent Discharge of a Firearm and 25850 (A) PC - Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Public.

De La Paz was recently arrested by Ventura PD on 4/23/21 for Possession of a Short-Barreled Assault Rifle and also has a prior conviction for 21310 PC Carrying a Concealed Dagger.

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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