



## NEWS RELEASE

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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Stolen Vehicle Arrest

**Location:** Victoria Av and Moon Dr

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7-23-21 2100 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** Joseph Nichols (4-17-71)  
Dorothy Beltran (10-7-95)

**Report #:** 21-47998

**Narrative:**

On 7/23/21, at approximately 2100 hours, a Ventura Police Officer was patrolling in the area of Victoria Av and Moon Dr. when he observed a stolen Ford Edge driving in front of him. Officers stopped the vehicle and contacted the occupants.

During the investigation, it was determined Joseph Nichols was driving the car, and it was stolen from Thousand Oaks. Nichols also illegally possessed fentanyl and indicia of sales of the drug. He was arrested and booked in Ventura County Jail for driving a stolen vehicle, possession for sales of a controlled substances, possession of stolen property, and outstanding warrants.

The passenger, Dorothy Beltran, was arrested and booked into Ventura County Jail for possession of a controlled substance, possession of stolen property, and outstanding warrants.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://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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