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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Stabbing Homicide

**Location:** 550 Block of Figueroa St

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4/11/23 1900 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol, Major Crimes CHP, VCSO

**Suspect(s):** 2MH

**Report #:** 23-21937

**Narrative:**

On 4/11/23 at about 1900 hours the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a stabbing that just occurred near the public restrooms at Surfers Point adjacent to the Promenade. Responding officers located one male adult suffering from multiple stab wounds to the upper torso. The victim, Raymond Morales 39 yrs, was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives are currently investigating the incident. The ensuing investigation revealed that two suspects approached the victim near a picnic table and were involved in an altercation prior to the stabbing. After the attack the suspects fled on foot to the public parking lot at Surfers Point and left the scene in a vehicle northbound on Figueroa St. This investigation is ongoing and may be gang related.

Anyone with any information who witnessed this event or has possible video footage of the incident is asked to call Detective Avila at 805-339-4478.

*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.*