

Incident: **UPDATE:** Stabbing Homicide with Arrest

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): HM 17-year-old Ventura Resident
HM 15-year-old Ventura Resident

Report #: 23-21937

Narrative:

UPDATE:

Ventura Police Detectives continued this investigation and determined that the victim was walking to the restroom at Surfers Point when he was confronted by the two suspects and fatally stabbed. After following numerous leads the two juvenile suspects were identified.

The 17-year-old, who was currently in juvenile hall on an unrelated matter, was subsequently arrested for the murder of Raymond Morales. The 15-year-old was arrested and booked into juvenile hall for accessory after the fact to the murder.

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

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.