



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Possession of a Firearm Arrest

Location: Intersection of Harrison Ave. and Olive St.

Date/Time Occurred: 9/17/23 at 0836 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol

Suspect(s): Edwin Castro (18 yrs.) & Josue Garcia (18 yrs.) Ventura Residents

Report #: 23-60251

Narrative:

On the above date and time officers were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Harrison Ave. for several subjects trespassing and intimidating a resident in the area. Officers could not locate the suspects and the caller was reluctant to identify the suspects involved.

While investigating this crime, officers spoke with several intoxicated males in the front yard to a nearby house. These same individuals were contacted by VPD officers at 0139 hours after a report of a large fight in the street and reports of several gunshots being heard at the intersection of Harrison Ave. and Olive Street. At that time, officers were unable to locate a firearm or any victims of a crime.

Officers advised the drunk males to stay in their home due to their level of intoxication. Minutes later, officers saw Edwin Castro stumbling down Olive St. with Josue Garcia and detained Castro for being drunk in public. While the arresting officer was searching Castro, he located an unloaded handgun in his pocket.

During the arrest of Castro, Garcia interfered with the arrest and was quickly subdued by the arresting officers. No one was injured during the arrest.

Castro was arrested for possession of a concealed firearm and drunk in public. Garcia was arrested for interfering with an arrest. Both were booked at the Ventura County Jail.

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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