

## Elder Abuse Arrest

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**08/27/2015**

**Incident:** Elder Abuse Arrest

**Location:** 5000 Block of Hollings Street

**Date/Time Occurred:** 8/13/15 @ 5:00pm

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol & Detectives

**Victim(s):** Male / 74yrs (Name Withheld)

**Suspect(s):** Saide Cruz / 24yrs / Oxnard Resident

**Report #:** 15-10887

**Narrative:**

On 8/13/15 at about 5:00pm, a patrol officer was dispatched to the 5000 Block of Hollings Street to reference a late reported fraud. The victim discovered fraudulent activity on his checking account dating back to the first part of July 2015. The fraudulent activity included several thousand dollars missing from the victim's checking account and forged checks written out to Saide Cruz. Cruz had been working as the victim's care giver from April 2015, and was let go in July 2015.

Major Crime Detectives began investigating the case and discovered that over the past few years, Cruz has worked for several different privately owned businesses in Ventura County that provide care to the elderly. Cruz was currently working for a care facility in the City of Oxnard.

On 8/27/15 at about 1:00pm, Detectives arrested Cruz without incident. A search of her residence revealed additional checks that did not belong to her. Cruz was booked at the Ventura County Jail for elder abuse, residential burglary and possession of stolen property.

This investigation is ongoing, any additional victims or anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call Det. Cpl. Hixson at (805) 339-4478.