

## Possession of Destructive Device (Molotov Cocktail)

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**03/09/2015**

**Incident:** Possession of Destructive Device (Molotov Cocktail)

**Contact:** Watch Commander ,805.339.4416

**Location:** 900 Block Harbor Blvd, Promenade Bike Path

**Date/Time Occurred:** March 9, 2015 at 7:32 p.m.

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol, California State Parks, Ventura City Fire Dept.

**Suspect:** Steven Thomas Conklin 22 years, Florida state resident

**Report #:** 15-03301

**Narrative:**

On March 9, 2015 at 7:32 p.m., the Ventura Police Communications Center received a 911 call from a citizen walking on the bike path near the Ventura Lifeguard Tower who saw a white male, (later identified as Steven Conklin). Conklin was seen carrying a large glass bottle with a towel sticking out of the top and resembling a Molotov Cocktail. Conklin was also making statements that he was going to blow something up.

As Ventura Police Units were responding to the call, the reporting party hailed a California State Parks Officer at the lifeguard tower that was able to contact Conklin and take him into custody without incident.

Ventura City Fire Dept responded to the scene to assist with dismantling of the destructive device. It was determined that the destructive device was a large glass bottle filled with plastic and lighter fluid.

Conklin was later booked at Ventura County Jail for 18715(a)(5)PC, Possession of Destructive Device.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4309.