

## UPDATE #2 - Attempt Homicide

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**01/22/2015**

**Incident:** UPDATE #2 - Attempt Homicide

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

**Location:** South Seaward Ave. at the Beach

**Date/Time of Incident Occurred:** 1-17-2015 at 2259 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol Officers and Ventura Fire Dept.

**Victim:** John Frazier 58-year-old Ventura Vagrant

**Suspect(s):** 3, White, males, late Teens or early 20's with shaved heads dressed in dark clothing

**Report #:** 15-00826

**Narrative:**

UPDATE #2 – January 22, 2015

Ventura Police Detectives were able to locate surveillance footage of people walking in the area at the time of the incident. the photos are shown below and also on the department's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/venturapd](http://www.facebook.com/venturapd).

These individuals are not suspects, they are only identified as being in the area near the time and place that the incident occurred. Detectives are asking, if anyone can identify the people in the photos, to contact Detective Espinosa at 805.339.4497. You can also contact our Command Center at 805.650.8010 (24 hr. non-emergency #).

Please note, the four photographs are shown directly under this update. After the fourth photograph the narrative from "UPDATE #1, issued on January 18, 2015, is shown and then the original narrative from the incident, which occurred don January 17, 2015, is shown.



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**UPDATE #1 – January 18, 2015**

The investigation into this incident is continuing. There is no additional information about the suspects involved. If there are any witnesses to the incident, we are asking they call the Ventura Police Department at 805-339-4309.

The victim has been transported to USC Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. He is currently suffering from burns up to 40% of his extremities and torso, but is expected to survive.

If there are any further updates, a press release will be sent out.



Narrative from original press release follows

**Original Narrative:**

On 1-17-15, at 2259 hours, VPD communications received a call from an adult male reporting that he had just found victim, John Frazier on fire at the south end of Seaward and extinguished the fire with sand.

Police and Fire personal arrived on scene and found John and some of his personal items still smoldering. After further investigation it was determined that John was sleeping in his sleeping bag with his backpack next to him on the sand side of the retaining wall at Seaward and the Beach. John awoke to three males pouring lighter fluid on him and then lighting him on fire. The reporting party said when he saw John the flames were about 5-6 feet high and John's entire upper torso was on fire. The reporting party used sand to put the fire out before calling 911.

John was admitted to CMH and was later transported to a burn unit for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns to his upper torso and face. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4309.



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