

**08/13/2014**

**Incident:** Arson Investigations

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

**Location:** Various locations

**Date/Time Occurred:** Occurred between 08/07/14 and 08/13/14

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Department, Ventura City Fire Department

**Narrative:**

Major Crimes Detectives from the Ventura Police Department are currently working with Ventura City Fire Department arson investigators into what has been determined to be the intentional setting of several vehicles on fire within the Ventura Avenue area of the city.

Starting on 08/07/14, at approximately 0333 hours, officers responded with Ventura City Fire to the 200 block of Kellogg St., reference a call of a vehicle fire. It was determined that a burning cigarette was left inside the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle had put the fire out prior to the fire department arriving on scene and sustained minimal damage.

Later that same morning at approximately 1111 hours, officers and fire investigators responded to a call in the 90 block of E. Ramona St., reference the owner of a vehicle finding that a small fire had been lit on the passenger seat of his vehicle. There was minimal damage to the vehicle. It was determined the fire had been set sometime during the night time hours.

On today's date, 08/13/14, at approximately 0322 hours, officers responded with Ventura City Fire to the first of two vehicle fires reported within 1 hour of each other. The first was in the 70 block of W. Vince St. The investigation showed the vehicle had been intentionally set and sustained major damage. At approximately 0413 hours, officers and Ventura City Fire responded to the second report of a vehicle fire in the 90 block of W. Vince. The vehicle sustained moderate damage.

At this time, the means by which these two fires were started is not known.

The investigation into these fires is on going. The Ventura Police Department asks that if anyone has information about these crimes, please contact the police department detectives at 339-4462. We would also like to remind citizens to lock their vehicle doors to avoid being the victim of a crime.