

# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**DATE:** February 26, 2025  
**TO:** Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC  
**FROM:** Detective Tim Behrend  
**RE:** January MAC Law Enforcement Report

During the month of January, deputies working the Oak Park Community responded to 110 calls for service. They took 28 total reports, 10 were crime reports and 18 incident reports. Incident reports are generated from calls for service where deputies were unable to establish a crime but documented the incident. Those incidents are reviewed by Detectives to see if any further follow-up is required.

### **Forgery / Fraud cases:**

All cases are under investigation by the Financial Crimes Unit. There were 3 reports of fraud or forgery during the months of November and December.

The first report was a telephone scam. The victim received a call from a suspect claiming to be a bank representative. They told the victim their account was compromised and could help return half the amount stolen. The victim provided personal banking information to the suspect who claimed to be opening a new account for the victim.

The other two reports were identity theft. The first report the suspect used the victim's credit card number for fraudulent charges.

The second report the suspect used the victim's personal identifying information to open a fraudulent bank account.

As a reminder banks and other legitimate businesses will not ask you to provide your personal information such as social security numbers or bank information. Also, if you are asked to pay the subject on the phone by gift card or crypto currency this is a scam. With the rental property scam. Make sure you visit the property and see the inside of the property before you provide any money. Please be wary of pop-up ads on your computer. This is often hackers trying to compromise your bank information. Call the Sheriff's Office immediately.

**Auto Crimes:**

There was a report of a stolen vehicle. During the earlier morning hours the victim's vehicle as stolen from the parking lot of their complex. There was suspect information obtained for this case and the Special Enforcement Unit is actively working this case.

**Arson:**

There was one report of arson to a dwelling. The suspect admitted to lighting a fire in their residence. The suspect was arrested at the scene by patrol deputies. Follow-up investigation was conducted by East County Major Crimes Detectives and Sheriff's Arson Investigators. This case was filed with the DA's Office.

**Violation of a court order:**

There was a report taken for violation of a domestic violence court order. East County Patrol Deputies investigated the matter, and an arrest warrant was submitted to the DA's Office for filing consideration.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department would like to remind citizens to remain vigilant and report suspicious people and vehicles by promptly calling 911 or our non-emergency line of (805) 654-9511. **If you see something, say something.**

