VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2025

TO: Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC

FROM: Sgt. Ricard LaSecla and Detective Tim Behrend

RE: March MAC Law Enforcement Report

During the month of February, deputies working for the Oak Park Community responded to 96 calls for service. They took 19 total reports, 8 were crime reports and 11 incident reports. Incident reports are generated from calls for service where deputies were unable to establish a crime but documented the incident. Those incidents were reviewed by detectives to see if any further follow-up was required.

Burglary:

Report 25-36445 - East County Patrol Deputies responded to an attempted residential burglary in progress. The victim was home at the time and was alert when the suspects attempted to break a glass door at the residence. The suspects fled once they were aware the victim was home. This case is currently still open and being investigated by detectives.

Stolen Vehicle:

Report 25-26667 – A Kia Forte was stolen from the front of the residence. The case was handled by our Auto Theft Task Force (with CHP) and the vehicle has since been recovered. Note: presently Kia's are a commonly targeted vehicle by auto thieves.



Report 25-34983 – An Infiniti sedan was stolen from the parking lot of an apartment complex where the victim lives. The vehicle was later recovered by the CHP Ventura Office.

Outside the listed reported crimes, The East County Investigation Bureau has recently seen an increase in wallet thefts where the credit cards were later used to purchase products at our local malls. These thefts have been from inside stores while the victim was shopping or from vehicles parked in retail parking lots or near trailheads. We would like to remind everyone not to leave purses or wallets in shopping carts or unattended areas. Thieves thrive on distracting victims while coconspirators take advantage of these unattended items. Furthermore, please do not leave valuables in your car. Keep them with you or leave them at home in a secured area.

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.**