

# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**DATE:** June 26, 2025  
**TO:** Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC  
**FROM:** Sgt. Richard LaSecla and Detective Tim Behrend  
**RE:** June MAC Law Enforcement Report

During the month of May, deputies working for the Oak Park Community responded to 110 calls for service. They took 24 total reports, 14 were crime reports and 10 incident reports.

During the month of June (to date), deputies so far have responded to 88 calls for service. They took 14 total reports, 8 were crime reports and 6 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.

### **Theft:**

MAY:

Report 25-53551 – Victim's license plate was stolen and replaced with a license plate associated to a repossessed vehicle. The stolen plate was placed on a vehicle that was used in a crime in Los Angeles County.

Report 25-62928 – Organized Retail Theft - Two subjects conspired together to take approximately \$1800 in product from CVS. The suspects had committed a similar crime in Simi Valley prior to this incident.

JUNE:

Report 25-68992 – Wallet taken out of an unoccupied parked vehicle on Ocho Rios Way. The victim's credit card was used in the Koreatown area of Los Angeles

Outside the listed reported crimes, The East County Investigation Bureau consistently sees a large amount of scam and theft by false pretense reports. These scams often focus on the elderly, preying on their trusting nature. The Sheriff's Office wants to warn the public of scammers representing themselves as members of legitimate, nationally known companies. No reputable company will make an error of overpayment and not have the ability to recall or fix the error. Furthermore, no legitimate company will request or require anyone to repay "funds in error" via a courier service. Scammers prey on victims by creating a sense of urgency regarding monetary funds and potential lack of computer knowledge in hopes the victims will make rushed decisions before they have time to realize a scam may be occurring.

Tips to Protect Yourself Against Scams · Recognize scam attempts and end all communication with the perpetrator.

- Never give unknown, unverified persons remote access to devices or accounts.
- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door service offers.
- Never give or send any personally identifiable information, money, jewelry, gift cards, checks, or wire information to unverified people or businesses.
- Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to produce fear and lure victims into immediate action. Call the police immediately if you feel there is a danger to yourself or a loved one.

- Nationally known and legitimate businesses will not demand payment by cryptocurrency, prepaid cards, wire transfers, or overnight mailed cash, or courier services to collect any payments.
- Legitimate customer, security, or tech support companies will not initiate unsolicited contact with individuals, nor demand immediate payment or require payment via prepaid cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, mailed cash or use courier services.
- Legitimate lotteries and beneficiaries do not need to pay upfront taxes and fees to claim a prize or inheritance. Playing foreign lotteries in any form is a violation of federal law.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you do not know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
- Take precautions to protect your identity if a criminal gains access to your device or account. · Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts and monitor your accounts and personal information for suspicious activity.
- Make sure all computer anti-virus and security software and malware protections are up to date. Use reputable anti-virus software and firewalls. Disconnect from the internet and shut down your device if you see a pop-up message or locked screen. Pop-ups are regularly used by perpetrators to spread malicious software. Enable pop-up blockers to avoid accidentally clicking on a pop-up.

· Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you. If you receive a suspected scam call, text or email, we recommend citizens hang up, block the number (if possible), and do not send the scammers any money. If you are unsure or concerned you may be involved in a scam, you can contact your local police station using their official phone number and not the number provided by the suspected scammer. If you are a victim of a scam, please contact the Sheriff's Dispatch non-emergency number at 805-654-9511 to make a report. You can also file a complaint online with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or the Federal Bureau of Investigation at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

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.**