



# Ventura County **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Jim Fryhoff - Sheriff | John Reilly - Undersheriff | Jeremy Paris - Chief of Police



## MEDIA RELEASE

**Nature of Incident:** Residential Burglary Suspect Arrested

**Report Number:** RB #25-108341 and RB #25-109162

**Location:** 100 block of Longfellow Street, Thousand Oaks  
100 block of Parkview Drive, Oak Park

**Date & Time:** 9/5/2025 @12:30 PM

**Unit(s) Responsible:** East County Investigations Bureau, East County Special Enforcement Unit, and Thousand Oaks Police Directed Enforcement Unit

**(S)uspects, (V)ictims, (P)arty, (D)ecedent**

(S) Michael Pruitt

**City of Residence**

Victorville, CA

**Age**

29

**Narrative:**

On 8/25/2025, Thousand Oaks Patrol Deputies responded to a call for service in the 100 block of Longfellow Street, in the City of Thousand Oaks, in reference to a residential burglary. Deputies on scene determined that unknown suspect(s) forcibly entered the victim's residence and took property.

On 8/27/2025, Thousand Oaks Patrol Deputies responded to a call for service in the 100 block of Parkview Drive, in the unincorporated area of Thousand Oaks (community of Oak Park), in reference to a residential burglary. Deputies on scene determined that unknown suspect(s) forcibly entered the victim's residence and took property.

During the course of the investigation, detectives gathered evidence and determined that Michael Pruitt was responsible for both residential burglaries. Detectives also learned Pruitt was on state parole for burglary charges.

On September 5, 2025, detectives from the East County Special Enforcement Unit and the Thousand Oaks Police Directed Enforcement Unit responded to the City of Victorville, where they located Pruitt and arrested him on burglary charges. Pruitt was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility on two counts of Penal Code Section 459(a) – residential burglary, as

well as a Parole Hold. Pruitt's bail was set at \$50,000, and he is scheduled for arraignment in Ventura County Superior Court on 9/9/2025 at 1:30 PM.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office remains committed to safeguarding our local communities and also works closely with our neighboring agencies. As a reminder, residential burglars tend to target unoccupied residences that back open spaces such as hiking trails and golf courses. The Sheriff's Office offers the following suggestions to deter our communities from being targeted:

- Leave indoor lights and/or televisions on during the evening hours to give the appearance that the house is occupied.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when leaving the house.
- Activate alarm systems when leaving the house. Even if you plan to be away for only a brief period.
- Alarm systems should consist of door sensors, window sensors, and glass break sensors for all windows and doors on the first and second floors of the house.
- Safes have been specifically targeted during these burglaries. Consider storing your valuables in a safe deposit box or other secure location.
- Report any suspicious vehicles or individuals immediately by calling Sheriff's Dispatch at (805) 654-9511. Pay particular attention to vehicles that drive slowly up and down residential streets, vehicles parked on a street with the engine running and headlights off, and vehicles parked adjacent to hiking trails or golf course access points during hours that are inconsistent with hiking or golfing.

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**Approved by:** Captain Albert Ramirez

YES ☐ NO ☒

**Booking Photo Release:**

***Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information, which leads to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).***

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