POSSIBLE THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY

In compliance with the “Timely Warning” provisions of the Federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the Ventura County Community College District Police Department is giving the following notice:

Incident Description: Three victims were walking in the West Parking lot of Ventura College when a suspect pulled up to them in a vehicle, brandished a black semi-automatic handgun, and demanded money. The victims started to walk back to their own vehicle, and the suspect fled the parking lot westbound on Loma Vista at a high rate of speed.

Both the VCCCD Police Department and the Ventura Police Department are investigating the incident.

Date & Time of Occurrence: Sunday 8/13/2023 at approximately 12:00PM

Location: West Parking Lot of Ventura College

Vehicle Description: Black Chrysler 200, possibly 2015 model, dirty or faded black paint

Suspect Description (provided by reporting party): Hispanic male, mid-20s, wearing a black ski mask and black t-shirt. Spoke only Spanish.

Please note that race, ethnicity, and gender are NOT considered the basis for suspicion; only behaviors are considered suspicious.

If you are in immediate DANGER, call the VCCCD Police Department at (805) 437-8444 or the local Police Department at 911.

The VCCCD Police Department issues Timely Warnings to the campus community, in compliance with the Clery Act, when a criminal incident occurs within VCCCD’s Clery geography and represents either a serious or continuing threat to the safety of students, employees, and others.

The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident and to provide information which allows individuals to make informed decisions about their personal safety.

If you have information relevant to the crime(s) reflected in this alert, immediately call the VCCCD Police Department at (805) 437-8444 or the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4400.
VCCCD Police Department Safety Recommendations – Robbery

• Avoid using cell phones or other technology while walking as criminals target distracted, inattentive individuals using them.

• **If you are the victim of a robbery remain calm and do not resist.** Assure the robber you will cooperate and take no action that may jeopardize your safety. Do not make any quick or unexpected movements. Follow the robber’s direction, but do not offer more than they ask for. Don’t argue with the robber.

• **After the robbery, go immediately to a safe location and report the crime to law enforcement.** Call the VCCCD Police Department at (805) 437-8444 or the local Police Department at 911. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to store the VCCCD Police Department’s urgent number in their cell phone.

• If you observe a crime in progress, **STAY CALM AND CALL** the VCCCD Police Department at (805) 437-8444 or the local Police Department at 911.

• Be a good witness: It is important to recall what you observed and provide as many details as possible to law enforcement such as: the sex, race, age, height, hair color, clothing, tattoos, scars of any suspects and a description of the make and model of any vehicle used in the crime and its license plate if possible.

• Do not attempt to apprehend any suspects or perpetrators of crime. Your personal safety and the safety of others around you should be your primary concern.