



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

BOB BROOKS, Sheriff

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Nature of Incident: Update on Large Exotic Cat Search

Date & Time: Monday, February 21, 2005

Unit Responsible: Department of Fish and Game

Description: Based on new information received today, Department of Fish and Game officials have a strong suspicion that the large exotic cat they have been searching for in the Moorpark/Simi Valley area may have also been wandering in the Santa Rosa Valley area between Thousand Oaks and Camarillo. A photograph of paw prints matching the cat at large was taken by employees of Baron Brothers Nursery in the 5000 block of Santa Rosa Road on February 8th. Fish and Game officials believe the paw prints from the 2/8/05 picture are indeed from the same cat that they have been searching for over the last week.

Residents living in the Santa Rosa area should be aware that this same large cat may be loose in that area, or may be heading back there from the Moorpark/Simi Valley area. As a precaution, residents anywhere within the area of any of the cat sightings should bring pets indoors, or secure and shelter larger animals outdoors, and do not leave children unattended outside.

Anyone with any information about the missing large exotic cat is asked to contact Sheriff's Dispatch at (805) 654-2311.

Follow-up Contact: Troy Swauger, Department of Fish and Game, (916) 768-0564

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