



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** October 28, 2013

**Incident:** Drug Arrest at Local Hotel

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On October 28, 2013 at approximately 1500 hours, Officers from the Banning Police Department were notified of a strong chemical odor coming from a hotel room at the Super 8 Hotel, located at 1690 W. Ramsey Street. Officers responded to investigate and learned that the room was being occupied by Mark Fitzpatrick, age 43, of Banning. Officers also learned that Fitzpatrick was on active Riverside County Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). When Officers made contact with Fitzpatrick, he attempted to discard contraband by throwing it out the window. Officers located over one ounce of methamphetamine that Fitzpatrick discarded. Fitzpatrick was subsequently arrested for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and various other narcotic related charges and booked into Smith Correctional Facility. A female was located in the hotel room with Fitzpatrick. She was identified as Jennifer Rasmussen, age 43 of Banning. She was arrested for possessing drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor warrants. Rasmussen was issued a citation with a future court date.

Any information or inquires: Banning Police Department, (951) 922-3175