

## Press Release: Strong Arm Robberies -- Battery

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**01/16/2014**

**Incident:** Strong Arm Robberies -- Battery

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

**Location:** 3301 E Main St

**Date/Time Occurred:**

Incident #1: January 15, 2014, 5:15 p.m.

Incident #2: January 16, 2014, 9:00 p.m.

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol Officers, VPD K-9 Officer

**Victim(s):**

Incident #1 – 15 year old male (name withheld), Ventura Resident

Incident #2: 25 year old female (name withheld) Ventura Resident

**Suspect(s):**

Incident #1: Black male, 25 years, 5-7, 140, black sweatshirt, blue jeans

Incident #2: Hispanic male, 17 to 20 years, 5-8, 180, Black cap w/white emblem, black shirt, dark pants,  
white shoes w/black laces

**Report #:** #1 – 14-00622, #2 – 14-00688

**Narrative:**

Over the last two days there have been two separate strong-arm robberies at the Pacific View Mall located at 3301 E Main St.

On January 15, 2014, 5:15 p.m., a 15-year-old male was confronted in an outside stairwell located on the south side of the mall by two adult males. One of the males demanded the victim's skateboard and cell phone. The victim handed over his property out of fear of being physically assaulted. The suspect and his companion, both described as black males, fled on foot and were last seen westbound E Main St from the mall parking lot.

The victim contacted the Ventura Police Department a short time later and officers responded to the area and searched for the suspect however he was not located. The victim was not injured during this crime.

On January 16, 2014, 9:00 p.m., a 25-year-old female was walking through the parking lot on the north side of the mall adjacent to the mall parking structure when she was approached from behind and struck in the waist. The victim turned to face her attacker and attempted to call police on her cell phone. The suspect forcibly knocked the victim's phone from her hands, picked it up, and fled the area on foot.

The suspect, described as a Hispanic male 17 to 20 years old wearing black clothing and a black ball cap, was last seen running towards Mills Rd.

The victim received a minor abrasion in the assault and declined any medical attention at the scene.

Officers are reviewing mall security camera footage in both of these incidents in an effort to obtain additional suspect descriptions and images.

Anyone with information related to these crimes are urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4441, or make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

**Update, January 31, 2014.**

**Photographs are shown below of the possible suspect from the January 16, 2014 Robbery Incident: Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying the male subject shown in the photographs and also the red headed female who was seen with the male suspect prior to the robbery.**







