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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault With a Deadly Weapon Arrest

Location: 4900 block of Lafayette St

Date/Time Occurred: 10/26/16 at 1758 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Victim(s): Two adult females, names withheld

Suspect(s): Lonnie Ellis 53 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 16-14906

Narrative:

On the above date and time VPD patrol officers responded to a residence in the 4900 block of Lafayette St re: a family member disturbing and possibly armed with a knife.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke with witnesses who told them that the suspect, identified as Lonnie Ellis, had threatened two family members with a knife and fled the residence on foot. They did not know if Ellis was still armed with the knife.

Moments later an officer observed Ellis emerge from the garage and when Ellis saw the officer he retreated back into the garage out of view.

Additional officers were requested to respond to assist and help set a perimeter around the garage as other officers moved the family members to an area of safety.

Ellis emerged from the garage several times but refused the officers orders to exit and surrender.

Officers negotiated with Ellis for over 30 minutes at which time he surrendered and was taken into custody with no further incident. None of the family members that Ellis had threatened were injured and were allowed to return to their residence.

Traffic on Lafayette St was impacted during this incident due to the number of emergency vehicles on scene.

Ellis was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center due to a medical condition unrelated to this incident. Once he is cleared he will be transported to the Ventura County Main Jail and booked on 2 felony counts of Assault With a Deadly Weapon.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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