



NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Domestic Violence, Child Endangerment and Felony Resisting Arrest

Location: 6700 Block of Telephone Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 09/25/16 @ 0049 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Victim: Names Withheld

Suspect(s): Richard Avalos, 38 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 16-13410

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from an adult female reporting she was involved in a physical domestic with her boyfriend, later identified as Richard Avalos. Officers arrived on scene and contacted Avalos outside of the apartment. It was determined that the adult female had been injured during the altercation and that Avalos had also punched her 7-year-old daughter.

When officers contacted Avalos, he was holding his 3-year-old daughter in his arms and refused to release her to the officers. Avalos was threatening to fight with officers if they tried arresting him or take his daughter. Officers began negotiating with Avalos, and after approximately 1 hour of talking to him, Avalos was convinced to release the child unharmed. He continued threatening to fight officers, at which time a taser was deployed. The taser was effective and Avalos was taken into custody without further incident.

After being medically cleared from VCMC, Avalos was booked into the Ventura County Jail for domestic violence, child endangerment and felony resisting arrest. He was also booked for an out of county felony warrant.

The two minor children were released into the custody of child protective services. The adult female had a minor injury to her face and refused medical treatment.

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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