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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Robbery

Location: 901 San Pedro St. (State Beach Park)

Date/Time Occurred: 09/24/16 @ 2106 hours

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

Victim: Jacob Cortez, 31 years, Ventura Resident

Suspect(s):

#1: WM, 30's, Vagrant

#2: HM, 20's

#3: Unknown

Report #: 16-13395

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of an injured subject on the Promenade near the parking structure on Harbor Blvd. When officers arrived on scene, it was determined the victim had been pepper sprayed after being robbed of his bicycle, cell phone and other personal items.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim was riding his bicycle on the bike path through the State Beach Park, when he was confronted by the three suspects. The suspects began to physically attack the victim, punching him multiple times. Armed with a personal taser, the victim attempted to defend himself. One of the suspects pepper sprayed the victim before they took his bicycle, cell phone and taser. The suspects fled with the victim's bicycle, a green mountain bike with orange rims, and were last seen eastbound on the bike path. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspects.

The victim was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel, and then transported to CMH for treatment of pepper spray exposure.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488. An anonymous tip can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

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

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