



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault with a deadly weapon

Location: Bike path along the San Buenaventura State Beach Park

Date/Time Occurred: 091516 / 2240

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): 6 males, 20's, unknown race

Report #: 16-12956

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the VPD Communications Center received a call from a citizen regarding a fight involving approximately 10 subjects near the restrooms at the pier. Patrol officers searched the area, but did not locate anyone involved in the altercation.

About an hour later, two male victims came into the Ventura County Medical Center with stab wounds. Officers contacted the victims and learned that they were involved in earlier reported fight, but that it occurred on the bike path in the area of the restrooms at the San Buenaventura State Beach Park. The two male victims were walking along the bike path with 3 other friends when they were approached by a group of males. The males began to yell out derogatory names at one of the male victims. Some words were exchanged between the victims and the suspects and the suspects began to attack one of the male victims. When the second male victim tried to assist his friend, the suspects then began to attack him too.

At some point during the altercation, one of the suspects pulled out a knife and slashed at the victims. The first victim sustained a laceration to his nose and the side of his head. The second victim received a laceration on his arm and a bite on his hand from one of the suspects. The victims fled the area and later went to VCMC for medical attention.

The investigation is still on-going. If anyone has any information regarding the incident, please contact the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4488.

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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