



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Resisting arrest by swimming in the ocean

Location: 500 Blk of Harbor Blvd

Date/Time Occurred: 102816 / 2338 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers and Ventura Harbor Patrol

Suspect(s): Michael Hernandez, 35 yrs, Ventura resident

Report #: 16-15025

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a patrol officer was in the area of the promenade near the parking structure in the 500 blk of Harbor Blvd when he recognized a wanted person, Michael Hernandez, walking in the area. The officer attempted to contact Hernandez and he fled on foot towards the pier. Officers set up a perimeter in the area and began to search the area of the beach east of the pier. Another officer spotted Hernandez near a jetty that was east of the pier. Hernandez ran out to the end of the jetty and then got into the ocean. Officers made several attempts to convince Hernandez to come back onto shore, but he continued to swim west bound towards the pier.

The Ventura Harbor Patrol responded to assist VPD officers with apprehending Hernandez. Hernandez swam passed the pier and remained in the water for about 45 minutes. Hernandez eventually complied with officer's orders and walked out of the water onto shore, where he was taken into custody without incident.

Hernandez was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center to be examined by medical staff and was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for resisting arrest and a felony Post Release Offender warrant.

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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