

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon Arrest

Location: 300 Blk E Thompson Blvd

Date/Time Occurred: 101416 / 0116 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Withheld

Suspect(s): Andres Ayala, 35 yrs old, Ventura resident

Report #: 16-14293

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the VPD Communications Center received several 911 calls from residents at an apartment complex in the 300 Blk of Thompson Blvd regarding one of the residents, Andres Ayala, on the third floor throwing items at people in the courtyard area. There had been two prior calls to VPD regarding noise complaints against Ayala who had been throwing objects onto his balcony, yelling and playing loud music. Ayala remained inside his apartment when officers responded and refused to come outside to talk to the officers.

On the third response, officers learned that Ayala had thrown an Elliptical exercise machine and microwave from his third story balcony onto the courtyard area of the complex. Several neighbors came outside to try to convince Ayala to stop making noise and throwing items onto the courtyard. Ayala challenged one of the neighbors to fight him and then threw a ceramic object from the third floor striking two victims on their legs (neither victim sustained any injuries). Ayala went back into his apartment before officers arrived.

Officers attempted to make contact with Ayala, but again he refused to come outside to talk to the officers. After a couple of hours, Ayala began to come out of his apartment onto his balcony and officers attempted to place Ayala under arrest. Ayala pulled away and retreated back into his apartment. Officers pursued Ayala and took him to custody without incident. Ayala was transported to Ventura County Jail and booked for 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.

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