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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Grand Theft Arrest

Location: 400 Block Fairview Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: 11/06/16 @ 1042 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Eric Wimberley, 21 years, Vagrant

Report #: 16-15443

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department's Command Center received a 911 call from a caller in the 400 block of Fairview Dr., reporting that a family member found the suspect, later identified as Eric Wimberley, taking property from inside one of the family's vehicle and when confronted, Wimberley fled from the vehicle taking a laptop, cell phone and wallet. The witnessing family members were last seen chasing Wimberley near Ventura High School.

As officers were arriving on scene, additional callers reported that Wimberley was being detained by several bystanders near the basketball gym of the high school. He was taken into custody without further incident. Wimberley was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony grand theft.

The investigation revealed the victim's vehicle was left unlocked and that Wimberley took over \$950 worth of property from inside. All of the property was recovered and returned to the victim.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind citizens to keep your vehicles locked at all times and remove valuables from inside.

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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