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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Possession of Stolen Property Arrest

Location: 1100 block Johnson Dr

Date/Time Occurred: 11/17/16 at 1350 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD patrol officers

Victim(s):

Suspect(s): #-1 Danielle Giovanello, 30 years, Camarillo resident
#-2 Kody Lott, 26 years, Ventura vagrant

Report #: **16-15970**

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a VPD patrol officer observed a vehicle make an unsafe lane change in the 1100 block of Johnson Dr. The officer conducted a traffic stop and was informed by the dispatch center that the license plate on this vehicle did not match the make and model and was listed as a stolen plate.

Additional VPD patrol officers responded to assist and a high risk stop was initiated since the vehicle had three occupants and the circumstances surrounding why a stolen license plate was attached were not known.

Once the occupants were removed from the vehicle the investigating officers determined that the driver, Danielle Giovanello, was the owner of the vehicle and had intentionally switched the rear plate with one from someone else's vehicle in an attempt to conceal the fact that her vehicle's registration had expired several months ago. Giovanello was also driving on a suspended driver's license.

Kody Lott, a passenger in the vehicle, was found to be in possession of pepper spray which is unlawful for him to carry as a convicted felon. A third passenger in the vehicle was interviewed and released.

Giovanello was arrested for possession of stolen property and driving on a suspended license, both misdemeanor charges. Lott was arrested for felon in possession of pepper spray also a misdemeanor. Both were transported to the Ventura County Main Jail for booking.

Giovanello's vehicle was impounded

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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