



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Train vs. Vehicle

Location: RR Tracks at Garden St. and the Fairgrounds

Date/Time Occurred: 11/20/16 @ 1938 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Arrestee: Arcelia Delgadillo, 27 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 16-16105

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center was notified by Union Pacific Railroad dispatch regarding a vehicle being struck by an Amtrak train on the railroad tracks near Garden St. and the Ventura County Fair Grounds. Officers and Ventura City Fire personnel arrived on scene and found an unoccupied compact vehicle wedged underneath the front of the train. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Arcelia Delgadillo, and a male passenger were standing nearby and found to be uninjured.

According to the train conductor the southbound train was approaching the Amtrak Station and was travelling at approximately 15-20 mph, when the vehicle was spotted on the tracks. All emergency attempts were made to stop the train, but the train did not stop in time and struck the vehicle.

It was determined Delgadillo was intoxicated and unintentionally drove onto the railroad tracks, causing her vehicle to become high centered on the tracks. She and the male passenger had exited the vehicle approximately 3 minutes before the collision with the train. When the train struck the vehicle, it possibly caused an electrical shortage which electrified the vehicle and railroad tracks. Due to the rain, this caused an extreme hazard to emergency personnel.

Ventura City Fire personnel remained on scene and monitored the removal of the vehicle from the railroad tracks. The train was delayed at the scene for approximately two hours while the investigation was being completed.

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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At the conclusion of the investigation, Delgadillo was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol.

None of the 60 passengers on the train were injured.

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