



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon on Police Officer, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs

Location: San Pedro St. at the Beach

Date/Time Occurred: 12/25/16 @ 0922 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Juan Acosta, 26 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 16-17682

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a Ventura Police officer was on patrol when he observed a vehicle driving on Harbor Blvd. The officer ran the vehicle's license plate, which showed it to be a stolen vehicle out of Ventura. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as the suspect Juan Acosta, saw the officer following him and drove to the dead end of San Pedro St. at the beach. Acosta attempted to flee in the vehicle by driving around the first officer's patrol car and as a second officer was arriving on scene, Acosta intentionally drove the stolen vehicle into the front of that officer's patrol car. Acosta was blocked in by the two officers, which kept him from fleeing the scene.

Acosta was taken into custody without incident. He sustained minor injuries as a result of him driving into the patrol vehicle. After being medically cleared at VCMC, Acosta was booked into the Ventura County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, possession of a stolen vehicle and driving under the influence of drugs.

No officers were injured as a result of this incident, although the patrol vehicle that Acosta collided into had to be towed from the scene.

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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