



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Strong Armed Robbery

Location: 901 San Pedro St. (State Beach Park)

Date/Time Occurred: 12/04/16 @ 0501 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Victim: David Potter, 52 years, Vagrant

Suspect(s):

#1: Black male, 30's, Vagrant

#2: White male, 20's, Vagrant

#3: Unknown, Vagrant

Report #: 16-16711

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the victim reporting he was the victim of a robbery. When officers arrived on scene, it was determined the victim was inside of the State Beach Park, 901 San Pedro St., when the crime occurred. He was not injured as a result of the crime.

During the investigation, officers learned that at approximately 0440 hours the victim was sitting on a picnic bench inside the park when he was approached by the three suspects. Suspect #1 asked the victim if he had any money. When the victim told him no, the suspect threatened him and told him to empty his pockets. Fearing for his safety, the victim complied and removed his wallet. As the victim was taking property out of his pockets, suspect #2 took the victim's bicycle and started riding off. The victim tried to retrieve his bike, but all three suspects fled and were last seen riding bikes on the bike path towards the pier.

The victim's bicycle is a blue Kent mountain bike with a basket on the front and a rack on the back.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488. An anonymous tip can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

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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