



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuit

Location: Telegraph Rd. and Wells Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 12/11/16 @ 1538 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Santa Paula Police Department

Suspect(s): Hispanic Male riding a black motorcycle

Report #: 16-17091

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Santa Paula Police Department notified the Ventura Police Command Center that they were in pursuit of a motorcycle that was approaching Ventura city limits. The driver of the motorcycle was being pursued for speeding and reckless driving. As the motorcycle entered the city limits, a Ventura Police K-9 officer took over the pursuit.

The pursuit continued westbound on Foothill Rd., although when the driver began driving at a high rate of speed on the wrong side of the road, the officer discontinued the pursuit because of the danger it posed to the public.

A short time later, another patrol officer observed the motorcycle driving at a the speed limit on Foothill Rd. near Hillmont Ave., and when the officer attempted to pull him over, the suspect failed to stop and another pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued eastbound on Main St., but was terminated when the driver started driving eastbound in the westbound lanes at 5 Points approaching the Pacific View Mall. After driving through the mall parking lot, the motorcycle was last seen westbound on Thompson Blvd. The suspect was not apprehended.

Speeds in the pursuit ranged between 55-80 MPH and the suspect driver also ran several red lights. No one was injured as a result of the pursuit.

The investigation into identifying the suspect driver is continuing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4416. 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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