



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Attempted Residential Burglary and Prowling Arrest

Location: 1300 Block of Swansea Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 01/23/17 @ 1214 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Frank Mendoza, 47 years, Vagrant

Report #: 17-01037

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department's Command Center received a 911 call from a resident in the 1300 block of Swansea Ave., reporting that someone was attempting to enter his residence through a rear door. The first arriving officers detained the suspect, later identified as Frank Mendoza, as he was leaving from the side yard of the residence.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim was home alone, when Mendoza began knocking on the front door. The victim did not answer the door. A short time later, he heard a noise coming from the back of the residence and saw Mendoza attempting to open a rear sliding door. Mendoza was still not aware the victim was home. The victim called the police and remained on the phone while officers responded.

Mendoza was transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked for attempted residential burglary and prowling.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

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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