



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Attempted Robbery

Location: 1194 Meta St. (Meta Market)

Date/Time Occurred: 01/22/17 @ 2022 hours

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

Victim: Meta Market

Suspect(s): Unknown Race Male wearing a "Scream" mask, white shirt and dark pants

Report #: 17-1013

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of a possible robbery that had just occurred at the Meta Market, 1194 Meta St. The victim clerk reported the suspect had fled from the business.

During the investigation, officers learned that the suspect entered the business and approached the victim clerk, who was working behind the counter. The suspect had an item of clothing covering his arm and simulated that he was armed with a weapon, although no actual weapon was seen. He demanded money from the clerk. The victim clerk came out from behind the counter, at which time the suspect struck him in the head with an unknown type object. The suspect then fled the business without obtaining any money and was last seen running southbound on Hemlock St.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect.

The victim was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel for a minor head injury and released.

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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