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POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Stolen Vehicle Recovery and Arrest

Location: 3500 Block of Maple St.

Date/Time Occurred: 01/16/17 @ 1312 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura County Sheriff's Department

Suspect(s): Jose Canchola, 45 years, Vagrant

Report #: 17-00714

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a victim reporting that her vehicle had just been stolen. The victim said she left her vehicle running while getting money from an ATM, when the suspect, later identified as Jose Canchola, got into the vehicle and drove off. At the same time, a witness saw what happened and called 911 to report that she was following the stolen vehicle and last saw it entering eastbound Highway 126 from Victoria Ave. The California Highway Patrol and Ventura County Sheriff's Department was immediately notified.

Approximately 15 minutes later, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department notified dispatch that deputies had the vehicle stopped on Telegraph Rd. at Willard St. in Santa Paula. The victim was transported to that location. Canchola was positively identified as the person who took the vehicle. He was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for stolen vehicle.

The vehicle was released, undamaged back to the victim.

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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