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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

Location: Victoria Ave. and Ralston St.

Date/Time Occurred: 01/02/17 @ 1546 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD K-9 Unit, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol

Suspect(s): Joseph Jack, 47 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 17-0077

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the California Highway Patrol requesting our assistance on a vehicle pursuit that entered into our jurisdiction. The pursuit had started in the county area along PCH, north of the city, when deputies with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department attempted to contact the driver during a theft investigation. The driver, later identified as Joseph Jack, fled from deputies and a CHP officer, who pursued him into Ventura.

Ventura Police officers took over the pursuit from the California Highway Patrol in the area of Mills Rd. and Main St. Jack continued to evade officers reaching speeds of between 15-20 MPH, as he continued eastbound on Main St., then eastbound on Telephone Rd. While on Telephone Rd., officers deployed a spike strip, which flattened one of the vehicle's tires. Jack came to a stop near the intersection of Telephone Rd. and Victoria Ave., and refused to exit the vehicle. As officers were approaching his vehicle, Jack continued driving and went southbound on Victoria Ave. Additional spike strips were deployed and flattened two more of his tires, which limited his speed to approximately 5 MPH. At the intersection of Victoria Ave. and Ralston St., an officer driving the Department's armored vehicle pulled in front of Jack's vehicle and blocked his path. Jack attempted to backup, but was blocked in by an officer in a patrol unit.

Jack was ordered out of the vehicle, but again refused to exit. As he was sitting in the vehicle, he was displaying signs of being under the influence of drugs and at one point began smoking a controlled substance.

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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As officers approached Jack's vehicle, he put the vehicle into gear and tried to flee, which placed the officers in danger. A Ventura Police K-9 was deployed into the vehicle through the opened driver's window. Jack immediately exited the passenger's door, and was taken into custody by approaching officers.

He was transported to VCMC for injuries he sustained from the dog bite. Once he was medically cleared, Jack was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and being under the influence.

No officers or citizens were injured as a result of this incident.

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