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Incident: Felony Assault on a Police Officer Arrest

Location: Thompson Blvd & Chestnut St.

Date/Time Occurred: 2/20/17 @ 1355hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Street Crimes Detectives, Ventura PD Major Crimes Detectives

Suspect(s): Adam Gilbert Matthews, 35Yrs, Oxnard resident

Report #: 17-02373

Narrative:

On the above date and time a Ventura police patrol officer was conducting a traffic stop on Thompson Blvd. just east of Chestnut St. While the police officer was standing near the driver's side window of the violator's vehicle, a motorist (later identified as Adam Matthews) drove by eastbound on Thompson Blvd. and yelled profanities directed at the officer. The officer continued speaking with the violator while also keeping an eye on Matthews' vehicle. The officer soon noticed Matthews conduct a U-turn near Ash St. and then accelerate westbound Thompson Blvd. As Matthews accelerated, he swerved into the eastbound lanes of Thompson Blvd. and drove directly towards where the officer was standing. The alert officer noticed Matthews' vehicle was coming directly towards him and quickly ran to a position of cover out of the roadway and was not injured.

After almost hitting the officer with his vehicle, Matthews steered back into westbound lanes of Thompson Blvd. and was last seen traveling northbound on California St. The officer alerted other patrol officers and broadcasted a description of Matthews' vehicle, but it was not located.

Ventura Police Detectives conducted follow-up and identified the suspect vehicle as a 2015 Chevy Impala driven by Adam Matthews. On 2/21/17 at about 1800hrs, Matthews was located near his residence in the 3000 Block of Regatta Place in Oxnard and was taken into custody without incident. Detectives served a search warrant at Matthews' residence and located evidence linking him to the assault.

Matthews was booked at the Ventura County Jail for assault on a police officer with a deadly weapon.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

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