



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Shoplifting, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Location: 245 Mills Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 02/23/17 @ 1230 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Brenden Garcia 27 years, Vagrant

Report #: 17-02521

Narrative:

On the above date and time, Loss Prevention Officers from Target observed a male subject, later identified as Brenden Garcia, shoplifting. When Garcia left the store without paying for merchandise, they contacted and detained him. Garcia was cooperative and went back into the store with the employees and gave them back the property he had stolen. While attempting to get more information from Garcia in the store, Garcia pulled out a fixed blade knife and threatened the employees with it. To keep from being stabbed, Loss Prevention allowed Garcia to leave the store and he then fled the area. Ventura Police Patrol Officers arrived on scene, but were unable to locate Garcia.

During the course of the investigation, Brenden Garcia was identified as the subject who had shoplifted and attempted to stab employees. He is currently not in custody. Anyone with information about this crime or Garcia's whereabouts 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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