



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Resisting Arrest, Malicious Harm to Police Dog, Possession of Deadly Weapon

Location: 4900 Block of Lafayette Street

Date/Time Occurred: 03/08/17 @ 1708 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura Police K-9

Suspect(s): Lonnie Ellis 54 year old, Ventura Resident

Report #: 17-03178

Narrative:

On the above date and time, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department and reported that a male subject was in front of a residence cutting the grass with a handgun visible in the back of his pants.

Ventura Police patrol units were dispatched to the area, and further investigation revealed that the person in question was on active probation, and is a person prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm. Officers attempted to make verbal contact with the suspect Ellis, and an elderly female exited the residence and was cooperative with the investigation. Ellis initially came to the door but he refused to comply with the officers orders, was verbally combative and went back inside the residence.

After several additional attempts were made verbally to order Ellis from the residence, he exited the front door and came outside, but again refused to cooperate and was verbally combative. A Ventura Police K-9 was used to take Ellis into custody, during which Ellis attempted to physically and maliciously harm the K-9.

Ellis was ultimately taken into custody with the assistance of the K-9. During a search of the residence a handgun and metal knuckles were located. Ellis was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center for minor injuries he sustained, then transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked for the above mentioned charges.

No one else sustained any injuries during the incident.

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.

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