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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Felony Battery, Witness Intimidation, Felony Domestic Violence, PROS Offender

Location: Telephone Rd. and Portola Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 03/18/17 @ 1725 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Victim: Names Withheld

Suspect(s): Enrique Cardona, 34 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 17-3679, 17-3684

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received several 911 calls of two males in a physical fight on the corner of Telephone Rd. and Portola Rd. Officers arrived on scene and contacted a 63-year-old male victim of a felony battery. The suspect, later identified as Enrique Cardona, fled the scene in a vehicle before officers arrived.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim was walking past a residence in the 1100 block of Portola Rd., when he witnessed Cardona involved in a physical domestic with a female, who was holding a small child. Cardona followed the victim to the corner of Portola Rd. and Telephone Rd., and confronted him about being a witness to the physical domestic. Cardona then battered the victim, causing him to lose consciousness and sustain other moderate injuries to his face.

After he battered the male victim, Cardona and the female were seen leaving with the child in a vehicle. Officers checked the area, but could not locate them.

At approximately 2000 hrs, the female victim from the earlier domestic incident involving Cardona arrived at Ventura County Medical Center for treatment of injuries she sustained during that altercation. It was also found the 6-month-old child she had with her was suffering from serious, potential life threatening injuries. It was not known how the child sustained the

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injuries. The child was immediately transported to Children's Hospital in Los Angeles for treatment. The current status of the child is not known.

Today at approximately 0900 hrs, the vehicle Cardona was last seen driving was located in the 100 block of W. Harrison St. He was taken into custody without incident by officers as he was attempting to leave in the vehicle.

Cardona was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for battery with serious bodily injury, witness intimidation, felony domestic violence, and for being a post release offender.

Detectives are continuing the child abuse investigation. Child and Family Services is also assisting in the investigation.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Major Crimes Detectives at 339-4488.

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