



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Theft from Vehicles and Resisting Officers Arrest

Location: 6900 block of Swan Street

Date/Time Occurred: 3/24/17 @ 0600 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Officers

Victim(s):

Suspect(s): Dakota Gonzalez, 19 years of Ventura

Report Number: 17-03906

Narrative:

On the above date and time, an alert neighbor saw a suspicious person riding a bike in their neighborhood. The suspect, later identified as Dakota Gonzalez, was seen riding his bike up to a parked vehicle. He was able to get inside the vehicle and while using a flashlight was seen taking items from the vehicle.

As this was occurring, the neighbor called the Ventura Police Department and officers responded. The first arriving officer found the suspect, however he fled on his bike when the officer tried to stop him. The suspect went into the barranca adjacent to the neighborhood, and as additional officers responded, they were able to contain the suspect to the barranca. After a lengthy search, the suspect was found, however he again fled from officers. After a brief foot pursuit, officers caught him and after a brief struggle, he was taken into custody.

At the conclusion of the investigation, two vehicles were located that the suspect had entered and stolen items from. The suspect was medically cleared at VCMC for minor injuries sustained during the arrest and later booked into Ventura County Jail on the charges of theft from a vehicle, delaying/resisting officers and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. No officers were injured during this incident. If any additional citizens discover their vehicles were also broken into, they should contact the Ventura Police Department at (805)339-4399.

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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