



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Police Officer, Felony Resisting

**Location:** 100 Block of California St

**Date/Time Occurred:** 04/22/17 @ 2320 hrs.

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** Tavia Johnson, 40 years Ventura vagrant

**Report #:** 17-05231

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, a Ventura Police Patrol Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on California St north of Thompson Blvd. While on the stop, Johnson approached from across the street, shouting and waving a four foot long stick in a threatening manner. Johnson moved towards the car the officer had stopped while yelling profanities and swinging the stick. The officer, concerned she would attack the driver of the vehicle, ordered her to back away and drew his Taser. Johnson then turned on him, swinging the stick in an attempt to strike him. The officer deployed the Taser and Johnson fled north on California St.

The officer gave chase and while attempting to take Johnson into custody, she struck him with the stick. The officer was able to subdue Johnson and with the assistance of responding Patrol Officers took Johnson into custody.

Johnson was transported to Ventura County Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries she sustained during the arrest. When she was medically cleared, she was booked into the Ventura County Jail for Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Police Officer and Felony Resisting arrest.

The officer who was struck by the stick received a minor injury.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://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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