



## NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Incident:** Armed Suicidal Subject

**Location:** 4667 Telegraph Rd. (Ventura College)

**Date/Time Occurred:** 04/09/17 @ 1327 hrs.

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, Ventura College Police, Ventura City Fire, Ventura County Behavioral Health

**Suspect(s):** Male Adult, 42 years, Ojai Resident

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department indicating that they were following a vehicle occupied by suicidal subject armed with a knife. The incident began when the Sheriff's Department responded to a call in the Ojai area in which the subject, a 42-year-old male, was threatening to harm himself. He fled in the vehicle as deputies were attempting to contact him and was last seen exiting Highway 101 in the city of Ventura.

With the assistance of several deputies, along with the Sheriff's Department helicopter, officers began an extensive search looking for the subject's vehicle.

After several minutes, officers learned that the subject was possibly on the campus of Ventura College. When his vehicle was located in the parking lot, officers began searching for him. The subject was ultimately located on the campus near the Performing Arts Center, after he had briefly fled from officers on foot. Upon being contacted, the subject armed himself with a knife and held it to his throat during which time he was threatening to harm himself and officers if they attempted to take him into custody. Officers trained in crisis intervention negotiated with him for approximately 2 hours. At one point when the subject dropped the knife, officers were able to take him into custody without further incident.

Members of the Ventura County Behavioral Health Crisis Team also responded to assist in negotiations.

The subject, who was not injured, was later transported to Ventura County Mental Health for an evaluation.

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

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