



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Felony Resisting, Battery on a Police Officer, Vehicle Tampering and Warrant Arrest

Location: 700 Block of S. Seaward

Date/Time Occurred: 04/07/17 @ 1924 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Andrew Hodges, 41 years, Bakersfield Resident

Report #: 17-04551

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a citizen who reported a suspicious male who was looking into vehicles and had opened the door to a vehicle that did not belong to him.

Officers responded to the area and located Hodges. The officers learned that Hodges had an active arrest warrant out of Bakersfield, and as they tried to place him under arrest Hodges violently resisted and began fighting with the officers. After a brief struggle, Hodges was taken into custody and while they were trying to secure his legs to prevent him from kicking, he kicked an officer in the head.

Hodges was transported to Ventura County Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries he sustained during the arrest. When he was medically cleared, he was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony resisting arrest, battery on a Police Officer, vehicle tampering and the warrant out of Bakersfield.

The officer who was kicked received a minor injury, and several other officers were treated for scrapes and abrasions.

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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