

CITY OF
VENTURA
POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Watch Commander, (805) 339-4416
Release Prepared by: Sergeant Bill Dolan
VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Stolen Vehicle, Hit and Run Arrest

Location: 2115 South Victoria Ave, and the Ventura Police Headquarters 1425 Dowell Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: 04/03/17 @ 2340 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect: Eric Manzano 12-28-86 (Currently on Parole for assault with a deadly weapon)

Report #: 17-04386

Narrative:

On the above listed date and time officers were hailed at the Jack in the Box located at 2115 South Victoria Ave reference a vehicle that had just been stolen. The victim reported he had left his keys in the ignition of his vehicle and went into the restaurant to get food. The suspect, later identified as Eric Manzano, got into the unattended vehicle and drove away westbound on Walker St toward the Ventura Police station. Manzano was travelling at a high rate of speed and was unable to make the turn at Walker St and Dowell Drive. Manzano's vehicle left the roadway, and crashed through a perimeter fence at the police station. The vehicle came to rest when it struck a parked patrol car in the police department parking lot. Manzano fled from the vehicle and jumped a fence bordering the 101 freeway. Manzano ran across the 101 northbound lanes of traffic where an unsuspecting motorist struck Manzano in the fast lane. Manzano was transported by ambulance to the Ventura county medical center for treatment of a broken leg. While at the hospital he was placed under arrest for vehicle theft, and hit and run.

The California highway patrol shut down the 101 northbound lanes of traffic just north of Victoria Ave. for approximately 20 min while the suspect was medically treated and removed from the roadway.

The Ventura police department wants to remind everyone to lock your vehicles and never leave your car keys in your vehicle while unattended.

Officers later found out Medrano was released from the Ventura county jail approximately 3 hours prior to stealing the victim's vehicle, after serving several days in jail on a parole hold.

No officers were injured during the incident.

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.

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT • 1425 DOWELL DR. • VENTURA, CA 93003 • 805-339-4400
WWW.VENTURAPD.ORG - WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VENTURAPD

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.

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT • 1425 DOWELL DR. • VENTURA, CA 93003 • 805-339-4400
WWW.VENTURAPD.ORG - WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VENTURAPD