

Attempted Robbery, Identity Theft and Felony Resisting Arrest

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Incident: Attempted Robbery, Identity Theft and Felony Resisting Arrest

Location: 239 W. Main St. (Bike Depot)

Date/Time Occurred: 06/24/16 @ 3:28 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, California Highway Patrol

Suspect(s): Jesus Diaz, 30 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 16-8749

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a subject, later identified as the suspect Jesus Diaz, who was inside the Bike Depot, 239 W. Main St., attempting to purchase bicycles with a stolen credit card. Prior to officers arriving on scene, it was reported Diaz left the business on foot, and was still in possession of the stolen credit card.

A California Highway Patrol officer was in the area and monitored the call being dispatched. He began searching the area and located Diaz on Mission Ave. near Olive St. The CHP officer contacted Diaz and tried to detain him. As the officer was placing him in handcuffs, Diaz punched the officer in the face and fled on foot. The CHP officer, who was not injured, chased Diaz on foot as additional officers responded to assist. Diaz was captured a short distance away and taken into custody without further incident.

During the investigation, officers learned that Diaz entered the business and attempted to purchase two bicycles with a credit card. Employees became suspicious and called the person on the credit card and confirmed it was stolen. When confronted, Diaz attempted to take a different bike and a struggle ensued with one of the employees as he tried to forcefully take the bike. Diaz fled the business without the bicycle.

Diaz was booked into the Ventura County Jail for attempted robbery, identify theft and felony resisting arrest. He also had several misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest.