

NEWS RELEASE

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<u>Incident:</u> Strong-Arm Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon (force likely to produce injury), and Resisting Arrest

Location: 2300 Block of Thompson Blvd

Date/Time Occurred: 06/10/17 @ 0315 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Brandon Nugent 36 yrs Ventura vagrant

Victim: Name withheld

Report #: 17-07515

Narrative:

At about 0315 hours Nugent walked into Chevron and attempted to purchase merchandise. When he was told he did not have enough money he began yelling at the clerk. When the clerk attempted to retrieve the property, Nugent struck her and pulled her and the property outside. Once outside, he tackled her to the ground and then got behind her and began choking her. The victim was able to fight her way out of the choke hold and run back inside to call 911. Nugent fled the scene on foot.

Officers arrived in the area and contacted Nugent, who matched the description given by the victim. Nugent refused to stop for police and tried to get away but was taken into custody without injury to either Nugent or the officers. Nugent was positively identified by the victim and transported and booked at VCJ for the above charges.

The victim did not suffer any serious injuries as a result of being choked.

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.