



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Evading in a Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Possession of a Controlled Substance Arrest.

Location: 200 Block of Barry Drive

Date/Time Occurred: 5/20/17 @ 1736 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Jose Martinez, 37 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 17-06487

Narrative:

On the above date and time a patrol officer observed a suspicious vehicle driving in the area of Shoshone and Ventura Avenue. A records check of the license plate showed the vehicle to be stolen. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle driven by Jose Martinez, it fled at a high rate of speed. The officer went into pursuit of the vehicle.

Martinez drove through the residential area and into Harry Lyon Park where he leapt from the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers responded to the area and set up a perimeter as Martinez ran through several yards, and jumped fences in the area.

Several residents in the area gave chase to Martinez as he ran through their property, and he was detained by citizens in the 200 Block of Barry Drive. Martinez was arrested and transported to VCMC, for treatment of minor injuries he sustained while he was fleeing. Once he was medically cleared, Martinez was booked into the Ventura County Jail for Evading arrest in a vehicle, resisting arrest, possession of a stolen vehicle, and possession of a controlled substance.

No one else was injured as a result of the pursuit.

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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