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POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Date / Time of News Release: 7/15/17 @ 0501 hrs.

Incident: Robbery – 211 PC

Location: Chevron – 507 E. Thompson Blvd. Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 7-15-17 / 0244 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol Officers

Suspect(s): White or Hispanic male in his 20's

Update: Suspect - Humberto Sosa 52, Oxnard Resident

Victim(s): Raul Villa, 41 yrs, Ventura resident

Report #: 17-09259

Narrative:

On the above date and time, officers were dispatched to a fight call on California St. near the Chevron gas station. When officers arrived, they found the victim suffering from a laceration to his eyebrow and right hand. Officers discovered the victim was being transported in a taxi from Casa Lopez in Oxnard to his residence in Ventura when the victim and taxi driver got into a verbal altercation while driving near the Chevron gas station.

The taxi driver pulled to the side of the road and demanded the victim out of the car. The victim pleaded for the taxi driver to continue to his residence and showed the driver his wallet to prove he had money to pay for the fare. The taxi driver bit the victim in the hand, took his wallet, his cell phone, and forcibly pulled the victim out of the taxi. The taxi driver fled the area driving a dark colored Dodge Magnum with white lettering on the side.

The victim was treated for his injuries by paramedics at the scene.

Update: On 07/15/17 at approximately 1100 hours, the suspect, Humberto Sosa arrived at the Ventura Police Department to return the victim's property. Sosa admitted to his involvement in the altercation; however, he denied committing a robbery. Officers are continuing their investigation into the robbery allegation and no arrests have been made.

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.

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