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POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Resisting Arrest

Location: Olive St. and Main St.

Date/Time Occurred: 08/04/17 @ 1810 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Armando Mendoza, 31 years, Vagrant

Report #: 17-10271

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a cyclist reporting a suspicious subject walking on the Ventura River bike path carrying two large machetes.

When one of the patrol officers arrived on scene he saw the subject, later identified as Armando Mendoza, walking near the intersection of Olive St. and Main St., and attempted to stop him. At the time, Mendoza was carrying a 3' long machete and a large pair of cutting shears. Mendoza refused orders by the officer to stop and began running towards a nearby shopping center. He then ran into an open Vons Store, still carrying both weapons.

Officers pursued Mendoza into the store and chased him until he entered a restroom towards the back of the store.

Once the area of the store surrounding the restroom was safely cleared of customers and employees, and it was determined Mendoza was inside the restroom by himself, officers gave him orders to come out. Mendoza refused to exit on his own, so with the assistance of a police K-9, officers entered the restroom and took Mendoza into custody after forcing their way into a locked restroom stall.

Mendoza was found to still be in possession of both weapons, although never threatened anyone with them. He was arrested for resisting arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail.

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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