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Incident: ***UPDATED*** Armed Bank Robbery

Location: 1171 S. Victoria Ave. (Rabobank)

Date/Time Occurred: 06/30/17 @ 1409 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Detectives, Crime Scene Investigations, FBI

Suspect(s): Francisco Hernandez, 39 years, Ventura Resident

Report Number: 17-8525

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from an alarm company reporting a robbery alarm being activated at Rabobank, 1171 S. Victoria Ave. Shortly after the call, an employee of the bank called 911 and confirmed that a robbery did in fact occur. Upon arrival of the officers, they determined the suspect had already fled the bank and was last seen leaving the area on a small BMX style bicycle, westbound through the shopping center.

During the investigation officers learned the suspect entered the bank and approached one of the open teller windows. At the counter, the suspect produced a black semi-automatic handgun from inside a large envelope he was holding and demanded money from the clerk. The clerk gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money, and he fled the bank. He was last seen fleeing the scene on the bicycle.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

The photos provided are from the bank's surveillance cameras.

The FBI was notified. The Ventura Police Department's Major Crimes Unit will be conducting the investigation. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488 or the Watch Commander at 339-4416.

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.

*****UPDATED INFORMATION*****

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives, along with investigators from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, continued the investigation into this crime and were able to identify Francisco Hernandez as a person of interest. Today, at approximately 0630 hours, the Ventura Police Department's SWAT Team and Major Crimes Detectives conducted a search warrant at Hernandez's residence in the 500 Block of Cedar St. During the search, a Ventura Police K-9 was deployed and helped locate Hernandez concealed inside of a couch. He was taken into custody without incident.

Hernandez was booked into the Ventura County Jail for armed robbery.

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