



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Stolen Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

**Location:** Northbank Dr. and Bristol Rd.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 06/15/17 @ 1922 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** Kirtis Lund, 42 years, Vagrant

**Report #:** 17-7800

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the victim reporting that his vehicle was just stolen in 1200 block of Petit Ave. The victim left his vehicle running while he unloaded groceries into his residence. A short time later, an officer responding to the call saw the stolen vehicle on Northbank Dr. and Bristol Rd., and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as the suspect Kirtis Lund, continued on Bristol Rd. at speeds reaching 70 mph, before going southbound on Johnson Dr. While on Johnson Dr., Lund began driving on the wrong side of the center median. Because of the danger he posed to the public by going the wrong way, the officer discontinued the pursuit. Lund then turned into the parking lot of the Northbank Plaza in the 2800 block of Johnson Dr. and before the vehicle came to a stop, he fled from the vehicle on foot. The vehicle continued to roll forward and hit a retaining wall inside the shopping center. Officers caught up to Lund and took him into custody without incident.

Lund was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading, stolen vehicle, and several misdemeanor warrants.

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](http://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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