



NEWS RELEASE

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Date and Time of Release:

Incident: Stolen Vehicle Arrest

Location: Harbor Boulevard & San Jon Road

Date/Time Occurred: 08/19/17 1145 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): Jamaar Smith 36, Ventura Resident

Report Number: 17- 10928

Narrative:

On 08/18/17, Ventura Police officers contacted the victim of a stolen vehicle at State Beach Park located at 901 San Pedro Street.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim had left several pieces of property unattended while he exercised nearby. When he returned a short time later, he discovered a backpack containing his vehicle keys had been stolen. The victim soon realized his vehicle had also been stolen. Officers searched the area at the time but were unable to locate the suspect or vehicle.

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the victim who reported he had just observed his stolen vehicle parked in the area of Monmouth Drive and Harbor Boulevard. As officers were responding, the suspect, Jamaar Smith, left the area driving north on Harbor Boulevard as the victim followed.

Smith pulled into the public parking lot located at San Jon Road and Harbor Boulevard as officers arrived. Officers conducted a high risk stop and took Smith into custody without incident. Property taken from the backpack was located inside the vehicle along with evidence linking Smith to initial theft.

Smith was placed under arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail for theft of a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and receiving stolen property.

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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