



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Armed Suicidal Subject

Location: 6555 Telephone Rd. (O'Leary's Sidebar)

Date/Time Occurred: 09/06/17 @ 1308 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Male Adult, 49 years, Vagrant

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from employees of O'Leary's Sidebar, 6555 Telephone Rd., reporting that a customer had just left a suicide note inside the bar and was now in the parking lot, armed with a knife. The note indicated that the subject, later identified as a 49-year-old male, wanted to force officers to shoot him.

Offices arrived on scene and located the subject in the middle of the parking lot. He was still armed with the knife and was uncooperative with officers. Officers set up a perimeter to contain the subject and protect the public that was in the area. The subject became more erratic as officers tried to negotiate with him and at one point claimed he had additional weapons as he reached into a fanny pack attached to his waist.

A less lethal weapon was deployed, which incapacitated the subject to give officers enough time to take him into custody.

After he was medically cleared for minor injuries he sustained during the arrest, the subject was transported to Ventura County Mental Health for an evaluation.

No officers or any citizens were injured as a result of this incident.

As a precaution, Portola Elementary School was placed on temporary lockdown until the incident was resolved.

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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