

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Recovered Stolen Vehicle and Arrest

Location: 2750 E. Thompson Blvd. (Smart and Final)

Date/Time Occurred: 09/20/17 @ 1610 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Motors

Suspect(s): Robert Cox, 37 years, Vagrant from Northridge

Report #: 17-12507

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from the victim reporting that his vehicle was just stolen from the parking lot of Smart and Final, 2750 E. Thompson Blvd. The victim had left his vehicle running and the suspect, later identified as Robert Cox, entered the vehicle and drove off. The vehicle was last seen going westbound on Thompson Blvd.

Approx. 5 minutes later, a Ventura Police motor officer saw the vehicle entering northbound highway 101 from Seaward Ave. and followed the vehicle until other units arrived to assist. Once sufficient units arrived, officers conducted a high risk stop and stopped the vehicle in the parking lot of Motel 6 on Harbor Blvd.

Cox was removed from the vehicle and taken into custody without incident. He was later booked into Ventura County Jail for stolen vehicle, driving under the influence and for being a post release offender.

The vehicle was returned to the victim.

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.