



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Date and Time of Release: 103117 / 2145 Hrs**

**Incident:** Stolen Vehicle Arrest

**Location:** 101 Southbound Freeway / Seaward Ave Off-ramp

**Date/Time Occurred:** 103117 / 2005 Hrs

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol

**Suspect(s):** Ciara Ashford, 23 yrs old, Ventura resident

**Report #:** 17-14022

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department Command Center to report that she had just seen a relative's stolen vehicle in the area of Ventura Ave and Thompson Blvd. Officers in the area observed the stolen vehicle entering the 101 southbound freeway from Harbor Blvd and conducted an enforcement stop on the 101 southbound freeway just before the Seaward Ave off-ramp. Officers conducted a high-risk stop of the vehicle and had to shut down the 101 southbound freeway for a brief period of time.

The vehicle was occupied by only the driver, later identified as Ciara Ashford and she was taken into custody without incident. Ashford initially lied to officers about her identity and was found to have two outstanding warrants for her arrest.

Ashford was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle, providing false information to a peace officer and for the two warrants.

*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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