



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Attempted Robbery Arrest

Location: Poli Street and Catalina Street

Date/Time Occurred: 6/25/18 @ 1744 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Officers

Suspect(s): Matthew Crawford 37 year old vagrant from Ventura

Report #: 18-08742

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the victim was walking in the area of Poli Street and Catalina Street when the suspect approached him from behind. The victim turned around and was immediately punched in the face with a closed fist by the suspect. After he was punched, the suspect tried to take the victim's cell phone, however the victim was able to keep possession of the phone and run away. The suspect ran away from the area. Responding officers found and detained the suspect nearby.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was arrested and booked into Ventura County Jail on the charge of attempted robbery. The victim sustained a minor injury to his face but declined medical treatment.

According to the Ventura County Superior Court website, Crawford was convicted of three separate offenses in 2016: being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance and possession of stolen property. In 2017, he was convicted of battery and petty theft. In 2018, he was arrested for two separate offenses: possession of a banned substance and battery.

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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