



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Stolen Vehicle, Felony Evading, Aggravated Trespass, Hit and Run, Possession of Stolen Property, DUI and Warrant Arrest

Location: 600 block of Moses Lane

Date/Time Occurred: 6/25/18 @ 1847 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol and K9

Suspect(s): James Deckers, 24 years of Ventura

Report #: 18-08743

Narrative:

On the above date and time, officers responded to a call regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 600 block of Moses Lane. The vehicle was reported stolen. When officers arrived, they ordered the suspect out of the vehicle, but he did not cooperate. The suspect started the vehicle, rammed a nearby parked vehicle and fled from officers. Officers briefly pursued after the suspect, but they discontinued the pursuit when the suspect began driving on the wrong side of the roadway on both Johnson Drive and Telephone Road. The suspect continued to flee the area until he ultimately parked the vehicle near an apartment complex in the 8000 block of Telephone Road and fled into the nearby neighborhood. The Ventura Police Command Center then began receiving additional calls from concerned residents reporting that the suspect was running through their yards. Officers began searching for the suspect in the neighborhood, and while the suspect was fleeing from them, he forced his way into an occupied home in the 8000 block of Emerald Street and hid from officers. After a lengthy search, the suspect was located and taken into custody inside of the house where he was hiding.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail on the following charges: possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading, aggravated trespass, possession of stolen property, driving under the influence, two misdemeanor warrants and hit and run.

According to the Ventura County Superior Court website, in 2018 Deckers was convicted of driving under the influence and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Additionally, he was also arrested for theft, resisting arrest and possession of 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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