



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Residential Burglary and Prowling Arrest

Location: 2200 Block of Vista Del Mar Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: 07/20/18 @ 1231 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Street Crimes Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators

Suspect(s): Santos Velasquez, 25 years, Vagrant

Report #: 18-9099

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from an alarm company reporting a residential alarm at a residence in the 2200 block of Vista Del Mar Rd. Shortly after receiving the first call from the alarm company, several neighbors of the residence called 911 reporting a subject was found breaking into the same location and was being detained in the backyard. Officers responded to the scene and detained the subject, later identified as the suspect Santos Velasquez.

During the investigation, officers learned that Velasquez had entered the garage of an additional residence in the 2200 block of Vista Del Mar Rd. and used a tool in an attempt to force his way inside. When he was unsuccessful, Velasquez forced his way into a window of the second residence and activated the alarm. Nearby neighbors heard the alarm sounding and saw Velasquez inside. He was detained by the neighbors as he tried leaving with stolen property.

Velasquez was seen prowling on the property of other residences in the area prior to the burglary.

He was transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked into the Ventura County Jail for two counts of residential burglary and prowling.

No one was injured as a result of the incident.

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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