



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Stolen Vehicle and Felony Evading

Location: Utica Ave & Telephone Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 7/4/18 @ 0255 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol and K9

Suspect(s): Matthew Martinez, 25 years of Ventura

Report #: 18-09141

Narrative:

On the above date and time, officers were at the intersection of Utica Avenue and Telephone Road handling an unrelated call for service when an officer saw a stolen vehicle drive past. The officer followed after the stolen vehicle and initiated an enforcement stop. The driver, Martinez, failed to stop and immediately began driving evasively. Officers initiated a vehicle pursuit and Martinez entered a nearby residential housing tract. Martinez drove at high speeds, failed to stop at numerous stop signs, and drove a circuitous route through the neighborhood for over six minutes with officers in pursuit. Martinez eventually yielded in the area of Nevin Avenue and Fairford Street and was taken into custody without further incident.

Martinez was booked into the Ventura County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle and felony evading.

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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