



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Robbery, Theft

Location: 500 Mills

Date/Time Occurred: 8-4-2018 @ 1518 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol and K9

Suspect(s): White or Hispanic male, 25 years, black curly hair with a multi-colored shirt and black pants.

Report #: 18-10643, 18-10644

Narrative:

On 8-4-18 at 1518 hours, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of a Robbery that had just occurred at the Lowe's shopping center. As officers arrived, they were informed that as the suspect was leaving the store when he activated the store security system. A store employee went to contact the suspect and when he did the suspect brandished a knife to the employee. The employee smartly allowed the suspect to leave the store and called the police department.

During a search of the area, witnesses told officers that the suspect was last seen in the northeast parking lot of Pacific View Mall. Officers searched the parking lot however they were unable to locate the suspect. The officers contacted Mall security to see if their security cameras had recorded the suspect in the area. Mall security officers informed the officers that the suspect had committed a theft from target approximately 15 minutes before the robbery had been committed at Lowes. They said the suspect was last seen running from Target north through the parking lot towards Trader Joes.

At 1724 hours, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of the same suspect attempting to enter occupied vehicles in the intersection of Mills and Maple. The driver of one of the vehicles pulled over while calling 911 and the suspect began to approach him. The driver asked the suspect what was going on and the suspect threw one of the items stolen from Lowes at the driver and then brandished a knife. The suspect then ran away. A search of the area including the use of a K9 was unsuccessful.

This is an active investigation, and anyone with information is asked to call the Ventura Police Department at 805-339-4488. No civilians or officers were injured during three calls relating to these incidents.

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.

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