



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Attempt to Disarm an Officer

Location: 2600 block E. Thompson Blvd.

Date/Time Occurred: 08-25-18 @ 0959 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol Officers

Suspect(s): Richard Rivera 31 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 18-11664

Narrative:

At the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a subject refusing to leave CMH hospital. The caller also told dispatchers that the subject was in possession of a knife. As officers arrived at the location, they were told by a victim that the suspect later identified as Richard Rivera, threw an unknown object at the victim's car causing minor damage to their vehicle.

Officers began canvassing the area and found Rivera in the 2600 block of E. Thompson. As the officers made contact with Rivera, he became uncooperative and refused to follow their verbal directions. When the officers started to place Rivera in custody, he began to fight with them and at one point attempted to remove an officer's firearm from his holster. After a long struggle, the officers were finally able to get control of Rivera and handcuffed him. Rivera was transported to VCJ where he was booked for, felony attempting to remove a firearm from an officer, felony resisting a peace officer and misdemeanor vandalism.

Neither Rivera nor the officers were injured during the incident. In 2016 Rivera was arrested for felony possession of controlled substance, and in 2017 he was arrested for misdemeanor trespassing.

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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