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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Possession of a Knife on a School Campus, Resisting Arrest and Warrants

Location: Telegraph Rd. and Palomares Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 11/26/18 @ 1437 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Andrew Ortiz, 34 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 18-15901

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from Gold Coast Transit reporting a subject possibly armed with a gun near the intersection of Telegraph Rd. and Palomares Ave. The information was second hand from a bus driver, who denied the subject entry onto a bus and said the gun was wrapped in a shirt.

Officers arrived on scene and observed the subject, later identified as Andrew Ortiz, walking near the YMCA on Telegraph Rd. As one of the officers was attempting to make contact with Ortiz, he fled onto the campus of Anacapa Middle School. The officer pursued Ortiz on foot and quickly took him into custody. While being pursued, Ortiz dropped a sweatshirt that was later found to have a machete wrapped inside.

As a precaution, the school was immediately placed on lockdown while officers took Ortiz into custody and did a secondary search to make sure no other weapons were found. The lockdown was lifted after approximately 20 minutes.

Ortiz was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for being in possession of a knife on campus, resisting arrest and felony warrants.

No one was injured as a result of the incident, and there were no threats made towards students or school staff.

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.