



MEDIA RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Residential Burglary Arrest

Location: 8500 Block of Cayuga Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: 12/09/18 @ 1436 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Michael Bonvenuto, 40 years, Vagrant

Report #: 18-94394

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of an interrupted residential burglary that just occurred at a residence in the 8500 block of Cayuga Dr. The resident was home at the time and heard noises coming from inside the area of the garage. The suspect, later identified as Michael Bonvenuto, was found in the garage attempting to take a bicycle from a rack. Bonvenuto, who had entered through an opened garage door, fled from on foot.

Officers arrived on scene and began searching the area. Bonvenuto was observed several blocks away riding on another bicycle and detained. He was positively identified by the resident and arrested. Bonvenuto was booked into the Ventura County Jail for burglary.

The bicycle Bonvenuto was found riding is possibly stolen (see attached). If you can identify the owner of the bicycle, please contact the Ventura Police Department.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Bonvenuto has been convicted 27 times in the past 2 years. The various charges included possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, and lewd acts in public.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind residents to keep your homes secure, including all doors and windows, and do not leave garage doors open and unattended as it attracts individuals to commit crime.

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.