



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Theft from Person and Elder Abuse *Update with Arrests*

Location: Potomac Ave. and Kennebec St.

Date/Time Occurred: 11/17/18 @ 1533 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, VPD Major Crimes Detectives

Suspect(s): 1. Kaleb Dixon, 18yrs, Ventura Resident
2. Josiah Shephard, 18yrs, Thousand Oaks Resident
3. Male juvenile, 16yrs, Thousand Oaks Resident

Report #: 18-15512

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of a purse theft that just occurred near the intersection of Potomac Ave. and Kennebec St. The suspect was last seen getting into an awaiting vehicle being driven by another suspect and fleeing the area northbound towards Northbank Dr. The suspect vehicle was described as a white, later model SUV.

During the investigation, officers determined the 73-year-old female victim was walking down the street when she was approached by the suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim's purse and pulled it from her shoulder. He then got into the awaiting vehicle, which fled the area.

The victim was not injured as a result of the crime.

Update:

Detectives reviewed recent contacts and arrests made by outside agencies. In the late part of November, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department arrested the above named suspects at the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit that began after a residential burglary in Thousand Oaks. The vehicle the suspects were driving at the time of the pursuit was reported stolen from Moorpark on 11/17/18, and closely matched the vehicle used in Ventura during the purse theft on the same date, involving a 73 year old female victim. VPD Detectives reviewed surveillance video in the stores where the victim's credit cards were later used, and identified all (3) suspects as being involved.

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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From 12/4/18 – 12/6/18, Detectives located and interviewed all (3) of the suspects. Dixon and Shephard were booked at the Ventura County Jail for elder abuse, grand theft, identity theft and conspiracy, all felonies. The juvenile suspect was still lodged at juvenile hall from the previous Ventura County Sherriff's arrest. Detectives interviewed him and added elder abuse, grand theft, identity theft and conspiracy to his current charges.

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