



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Attempted Murder, Terrorist Threats, Felony Child Endangerment, Felony Vandalism

Location: 1300 Block of Saratoga Ave. (Peppertree Apartments)

Date/Time Occurred: 12/17/18 @ 1857 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura Police Major Crimes Detectives, Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Gabriel Estrada, 20 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 18-96485

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a family disturbance and reports that one of the family members, later identified as the suspect Gabriel Estrada, was making threats and had armed himself with a hammer.

As officers arrived on scene, they observed the victim, a 43-year-old female, running from the apartment with Estrada chasing after her. Officers saw Estrada hit the victim, who was later determined to be Estrada's mother, in the head with the hammer. After deploying a taser, which was not effective, officers tackled Estrada and took him into custody.

The victim was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel, and later transported to VCMC for non-life threatening injuries.

During the investigation, officers learned that Estrada forced his way into a bedroom prior to officers arriving and had made verbal threats towards his 14-year-old sister. She was not injured as a result of this crime.

After being cleared from VCMC for minor injuries he sustained as a result of the arrest, Estrada was booked into the Ventura County Jail for attempted murder, terrorist threats, felony child endangerment and felony vandalism.

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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