



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Strong Arm Robbery

**Location:** 1121 S. Victoria Ave. (76 Gas Station)

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1/24/2019 @ 0014 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol Officers and Ventura K9 unit

**Suspect:** WMA, 25 yrs, 601, 180, blonde hair, grey flannel, black pants.

**Victim:** Adult Male (name withheld)

**Report #:** 19-05577

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 from a witness that heard the victim yell for help saying that his phone had been taken.

Officers arrived and contacted the victim who said he was at the 76 station waiting for a friend to pick him up when the suspect came over to him and engaged him in a conversation about the music he was playing. While the victim was talking to the suspect, the suspect grabbed the victim's I-phone from his hand and began to run away. The victim tackled the suspect and tried to get his phone back, but the suspect began to hit the victim several times in the head and face. The suspect was able to get away and fled northbound on Victoria Ave.

Ventura Police Officers and The K9 unit attempted to locate the suspect but were unable to locate him. Using the Find My I-phone app officers were able to locate the victim's phone nearby as the suspect either dropped or discarded the phone as he fled.

The victim sustained minor injuries from this incident and was treated at the scene by Ventura Fire paramedics. This is an ongoing investigation, anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Ventura Police Department at 805-339-4488.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://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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