



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Recovered Stolen Vehicle Arrests

Location: 6500 Telephone Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 05/04/19 @ 0623 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s):

Suspect #1: Male Juvenile, 17years, Oxnard Resident

Suspect #2: Samuel Carranza, DOB: 08/25/99, Oxnard Resident

Report #: 19-31556

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the Poinsettia Pavilion in the 3400 block of Foothill Rd. The caller reported seeing 3 males loitering near a vehicle and one of them was removing a license plate.

While officers were still responding to the call, a resident in the 6900 Swan St. called dispatch and reported that she just discovered her vehicle had been stolen sometime during the night. The vehicle in the suspicious vehicle call matched that of the stolen vehicle. When officers arrived on scene at the Poinsettia Pavilion, the vehicle was no longer in the parking lot.

Officers contacted the victim and learned she had the ability to track her vehicle, which was last shown to be in the area of Telephone Rd. and Ramelli Ave. Officers responded to that area and saw the vehicle pulling into an apartment complex in the 6500 Telephone Rd.

Before officers were able to initiate a traffic stop, the 17-year-old male driver stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the juvenile was taken into custody. He was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, resisting arrest and conspiracy.

Carranza was the passenger and was quickly taken into custody. He was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and conspiracy.

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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No one was injured as a result of this incident and the vehicle was returned to the victim.

On the same date, at approximately 0400 hrs, home surveillance video from residences in the area of Swan St., showed several subjects casing unlocked vehicles at the time the victim's vehicle was stolen. The male juvenile was found to be in possession of property taken from one of those vehicles.

The Ventura Police Department urges community members to be vigilant and responsible neighbors. Removing all valuables from vehicles is the surest way to protect property. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. Community members are also encouraged to get connected to the Ventura Police Department on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor to stay informed of crime and safety information.

Please immediately report all suspicious activity to the Ventura Police 24/7 nonemergency 805-650-8010 number or 911 in the event of an emergency or in progress crime.

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