



NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Location: 200 Block of Comstock Dr., Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 08/12/19 @ 1124 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura Police Detectives, California Highway Patrol

Suspect(s): Unknown

Report #: 19-57760

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the California Highway Patrol dispatch reporting that a California Highway Patrol motor officer was involved in an officer involved shooting in the 200 block of Comstock Dr. and were requesting assistance by our officers. Several officers with the Ventura Police Department responded to the area and located the involved CHP officer.

During the investigation it was learned the CHP officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Highway 101 for a moving violation when the vehicle exited onto the city streets. The driver of the vehicle attempted to evade the officer and drove onto Comstock St., which is a dead end street. After the driver made a U-turn, the driver drove at a high rate of speed towards the CHP officer and an officer involved shooting occurred. The suspect driver continued and fled the scene.

Approximately 2.5 hours later, the suspect vehicle was located unoccupied in the 2200 block of Katari Ave., which is approximately 2 miles from the scene of where the officer involved shooting occurred. There was evidence that confirmed the vehicle was involved in the incident. The suspect driver has not been located.

The California Highway Patrol officer was not injured.

The Ventura Police Department is conducting a joint investigation with the California High Patrol, and the investigation is ongoing. At this time, no further information will be released. Anyone with information or is a witness to this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4389.

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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