



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Brandishing, Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Vandalism, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Drug Paraphernalia

Location: Maple St. and Maple Ct.

Date/Time Occurred: 09/10/19 @ 0926 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Andrew Martinez, DOB: 08/24/92, Vagrant

Report #: 19-65045

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of several subjects in a physical fight near the intersection of Porter Ln. and Empire Ave. It was also reported the subjects were throwing rocks. Prior to the officers arriving on scene, additional callers said one of the subjects, later identified as Andrew Martinez, was fleeing the area on foot and running towards the Pacific View Mall. Martinez then ran towards Lowe's, where it was reported he armed himself with an axe. Officers located Martinez near the intersection of Maple St. and Maple Ct., where he was taken into custody.

During the investigation officers learned Martinez was confronted about being in possession of stolen property, which is when the physical altercation occurred with the victims. Martinez started throwing rocks and brandished a knife at the victims, before fleeing the area on foot. One of the victims called 911 and followed Martinez on a skateboard will updating the dispatcher of his location. Martinez then ran to the parking lot of Lowe's and stole an axe from another victim. He broke several vehicle windows using the axe, before officers located him and took him into custody.

Martinez was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, brandishing, possession of a dangerous weapon, vandalism, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

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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There are possibly other vehicles that were vandalized by Martinez, but the owners left prior to being contacted by officers. If your vehicle was damaged and parked in the area at the time, please contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4416.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Martinez has multiple prior convictions for brandishing, possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, and possession of burglary tools.

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