



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Carjacking and Resisting Arrest

Location: 500 Block of Poli St.

Date/Time Occurred: 12/01/19 @ 1822 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura Police K-9 Unit, Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Michael Pacella, DOB: 02/24/91, Unknown city of residence

Report #: 19-85796

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from a victim reporting that his vehicle was in the process of being stolen. The victim said he was sitting in his vehicle with the engine running, when the suspect approached it and started banging on the passenger's window. He confronted the suspect, later identified as Pacella, who aggressively approached him and made threats to harm him. Pacella then got into the victim's vehicle and started driving off, when he realized the victim's dog was in the backseat. Pacella stopped the vehicle, just as a Ventura Police K-9 officer arrived on scene.

When additional officers arrived, Pacella was ordered out of the vehicle and physically resisted attempts to take him into custody. The K-9 officer deployed his dog, which allowed officers to arrest Pacella without further incident.

Pacella was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire, before being transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. After being medically cleared, Pacella was arrested for carjacking, resisting arrest and driving under the influence.

No one else 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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