

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon Arrest

Location: 100 Block of N. Olive St.

Date/Time Occurred: 01/07/20 @ 2239 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): James Willet, DOB: 03/01/63, Vagrant

Report #: 20-9487

Narrative:

On the above date and time, officers were patrolling the area of the 100 block of N. Olive St., when they heard a female calling for help. The officers located the 50-year-old female who reported that her boyfriend, later identified as the suspect James Willet, was disturbing and armed with a knife. Officers located Willet nearby and detained him. The officers also contacted two other individuals, including a 42-year-old male victim.

During the investigation, officers learned that Willet and the female were staying in a parked motorhome and got into verbal argument. The female left the motorhome and contacted the male victim who was just a passerby, and asked him for help. Willet exited the motorhome and threatened to harm the male. He then went back into the motorhome and armed himself with a knife. Willet exited from the motorhome and began swinging the knife at the male. The female began yelling, and got the attention of the officers. Willet discarded the knife when he saw the officers approaching.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Willet was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

No 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.