



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuits

Location: Various locations

Date/Time Occurred:

Pursuit #1: 03/22/20 @ 0110 hours

Pursuit #2: 03/22/20 @ 0424 hours

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

Suspect(s):

Pursuit #1: Unknown

Pursuit #2: Ruben Arroyo, DOB: 04/07/75, Santa Paula

Report #: 20-19353, 20-19364

Narrative:

On the above date at approximately 0110 hours, an officer was on patrol in the area of Highway 101 and Main St., when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a moving violation and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, which was a dark colored Subaru with a rear tire rack, failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued on Harbor Blvd., reaching speeds of 85 mph. In the area of Harbor Blvd. and Olivas Park Dr., the driver of the vehicle drove onto a dirt road near the Santa Clara Riverbottom, which is where officers lost sight of the vehicle. After a search of the area, the vehicle was not located.

At approximately 0424 hours, officers responded to a report of a domestic violence incident at the Victoria Motel in the 2300 block of S. Victoria Ave. When officers arrived at the scene, it was reported the male had left in a vehicle. Officers began investigating the incident as a felony domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon, as additional officers started looking for the suspect, later identified as Ruben Arroyo.

As one of the officers on the call was actively looking for Arroyo and driving on Highway 126, a vehicle matching Arroyo's was observed driving on the wrong side of the highway and nearly struck the officer's patrol vehicle. The CHP located the vehicle a short time later and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued northbound on Highway 101. The pursuit came to a conclusion near Summerland, and Arroyo was taken into custody.

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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In addition to his charges by the CHP, Arroyo was arrested for felony domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon.

No one was injured as a result of the pursuits. The victim of the domestic violence incident received minor injuries.

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