Commercial Burglary Arrest

06/06/2016

*Incident:* Commercial Burglary Arrest  

*Location:* Cabrillo Middle School, 1426 E. Santa Clara Street  

*Date/Time Occurred:* 06/03/16 3:30 a.m.  

*Officer(s) Involved:* VPD Patrol  

*Victim(s):* Cabrillo Middle School  

*Suspect(s):*  
Christopher Hale 32, Ventura vagrant  
Dorinda Betts 31, Ventura vagrant  

*Report #:* 16-07693

*Narrative:*  
On the above date and time, patrol officers responded to an alarm activation within a classroom at Cabrillo Middle School. As officers arrived on scene they began to check the exterior of the classroom and found a sliding glass door that had been tampered with. As officers were attempting to establish a perimeter around the classroom, the suspect, Christopher Hale exited an adjacent door then quickly retreated back inside.  
A Ventura Police K9 officer was summoned to the scene and Hale was ordered to exit the classroom. Hale refused to comply with officers commands and the K9 was deployed into the interior. Hale was found hiding to the rear of the classroom and was taken into custody with the assistance of the K9.  
Officers continued their search and located a second suspect, Dorinda Betts hiding in a small cabinet. Betts was taken into custody without incident.  
Hale was transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries from the dog bite. After he was medically cleared, Hale was booked into the Ventura County Jail for commercial burglary, felony conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of a burglary tools, resisting arrest and an outstanding warrant.  
Betts was booked into the Ventura County Jail for commercial burglary and felony conspiracy.