



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** Vehicle Pursuit with Arrest

**Location:** San Nicholas Street and Coronado Street

**Date/Time Occurred:** March 3, 2020 @ 2104 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol Officer

**Suspect(s):** Steven Cossel, 6-04-82, of Ventura

**Report #:** 20-15596

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, a patrol officer saw a vehicle driving in the area of San Nicholas Street and Coronado Street that matched the description of a suspect who has committed a vehicle burglary earlier in the evening. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to yield, and the officer went in pursuit of the suspect. The pursuit continued through the Midtown area of Ventura until the suspect collided with a planter in the area of Ash Street and Front Street. After the collision, the suspect fled on foot but was caught by officers near the pier.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property (felony), failing to yield to officers (felony), hit and run (misdemeanor), possession of drugs (misdemeanor) and possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor).

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website reveals the suspect has numerous prior arrests over the past five years. The arrests include possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, possession of stolen property, evading police officers, obstructing police officers, under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://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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