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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Residential Burglary Arrest

Location: 11000 block of Snapdragon

Date/Time Occurred: 5/10/20 @ 2030 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Ventura Police CSI, Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit, Ventura Police PROS Unit

Suspect(s): Gonzalez, Raymond (DOB: 2-3-1987) Vagrant

Report #: 20-30693

Narrative:

On 5/11/20, Ventura Police Department Patrol responded to a residential burglary that occurred the night before. The victim had left their garage door open and went for a walk around the neighborhood. During that time, from about 8 pm to 8:30 pm, an unknown subject later identified as Raymond Gonzalez entered the garage, rummaged through the cars and stole the victim's mountain bike. While Gonzalez was in the garage, the victim's family was at home in the house.

When the victim realized his bike had been stolen, he checked his Ring Camera video and saw that the suspect had been inside his garage. He posted the video onto the Ring Camera Neighborhood App, warning others in the area.

Many community members had seen the video of the suspect and had been in contact with the Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU). SCU and PROS (Post Release Offender Supervision) Detectives along with VPD Patrol officers began looking for the suspect.

On 5-12-20, an alert citizen saw a suspicious suspect that matched Gonzalez's description and called 911. SCU and PROS Detectives were already in the area and located Gonzalez and took him into custody without incident. It was also discovered that Gonzalez had returned to the same garage later during the night of 5/11/20 and committed another burglary.

Gonzalez was booked into the Ventura County Jail on two counts of 1st Degree Residential Burglary. This was an excellent example of the community working together to put a criminal back into jail.

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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A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Gonzalez has prior convictions for stealing a vehicle, robbery, using pepper spray to commit a violent felony, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of narcotics. Gonzalez is currently on PROS/AB109 and was in custody and had recently been released from jail on May 8th by Probation due to Covid-19 concerns.

The Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit would like to remind people to keep their cars, windows and doors locked. If anyone is a victim of a crime and can identify property that was stolen, please contact the Ventura Police Department.