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Incident: Willfully Discharge of a Firearm, Resisting Arrest, Vandalism, and Arson Arrest

Location: 2800 block of Sherwin Ave

Date/Time Occurred: Discharge of Firearm - 07/30/20 @ 0345 hours
Vandalism, Arson – 8/3/20 @ 2340 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Ventura Police Special Enforcement Team (SET), Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

Suspect(s): Brenton Edward Cherrie (DOB: 9/16/80) Ventura resident

Report #: Discharge of Firearm 20-49749
Arson and Vandalism 20-50883

Narrative:

On 7/30/20, at about 0345, officers responded to a call of possible gunshots in the area of Sherwin Ave and Ventura Blvd. While officers were responding to the scene, a resident on Sherwin Ave called Ventura Police Command Center to report a subject who appeared to be armed with a sword running through the business complex on Sherwin. Officers arrived and detained Cherrie, who matched the description of the suspect. The officers located an empty handgun magazine on Cherrie as well as an empty shell casing. Cherrie began to physically resist officers and was taken into custody.

Based on the investigation, Cherrie was arrested for felony discharging a firearm and resisting arrest and was transported and booked at the Ventura County Jail. No one was injured as a result of the arrest or the shooting.

Based on the incident, Ventura Police Special Enforcement Team (SET), along with the Street Crimes Unit (SCU), served a search warrant at Cherrie's business in the 2800 block of Sherwin Ave. During the service of the warrant, detectives located and seized multiple firearms and ammunition. Cherrie was served with paperwork revoking his right to own and possess firearms.

On 8/3/20, at about 2030 hours, Cherrie was released from VCJ. On 8/3/20, at approximately 2340 hours, Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call about a subject lighting a fire in the 2800 block of Sherwin Ave. When officers arrived, they located a medium-sized fire near the business and detained Cherrie. During the investigation, it was determined Cherrie had lit the fire near the business, which had endangered the building and people inside it. Cherrie had also damaged the business' doors and broke a vehicle's window parked in the area. No one was injured as a result of the arson or vandalism.

Cherrie was arrested for arson and vandalism and booked at the Ventura County 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.