

Contact: Watch Commander, (805) 339-4416
Release Prepared by: Commander Sarah Starr
VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Burglary/Vandalism Arrest

Location: 896 East Main Street

Date/Time Occurred: 5/27/21 at 0935 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Patrol Task Force, K9 Officer

Suspect(s): Scott Richetts (DOB 6/27/66) – Orange County Resident

Report #: 21-33237

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received received a call of a subject, later identified as Scott Richetts, who had forced his way into an occupied building at 896 East Main Street. Richetts reportedly used a brick to force open a door to the building, announcing to the occupants that he was “going to jail for a really long time.” The building occupants were able to exit and notify police. Richetts remained inside and barricaded himself inside an interior room.

Responding officers made verbal contact with Richetts, who was uncooperative, refused to exit, and made suicide-by-cop statements. Ventura Police Crisis Neogtiators arrived to assist and negotiated with Richetts for nearly two hours before the situation de-escalated and he surrendered. He exited the room and was taken into custody without incident.

None of the victims, officers, or Richetts were injured during this incident.

A search of the Orange County Superior Court’s Website revealed that Richetts has a lengthy criminal history with arrests for numerous charges, including Robbery, Burglary, Criminal Threats, Use of a Deadly Weapon, Grand Theft, Vehicle Theft, among others. Richetts is currently on Post Release Community Supervision in Orange County.

Richetts was booked at the Ventura County Jail for burglary, felony vandalism, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

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.