

**Incident:** Robbery Arrest

**Location:** 300 Block of South Mills Rd

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12-6-20

**Officer(s) Involved:** Patrol Detectives

**Suspect(s):** James Cruz 2-28-02 Ventura Resident,  
18 year old (Juvenile at time of crime), Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 20-79424

**Narrative:**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Officers responded to a robbery that had occurred in the parking structure at the Pacific View Mall. In this incident, the two suspects chased the victim, The victim ran to his car and was attempting to get in his vehicle when Cruz began to fight with the victim as the other juvenile suspect acted as a lookout as the crime unfolded. Cruz forcibly removed property from the victim. The two suspects fled on foot after the robbery with the victim's property.

An additional incident occurred on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as the victim was in a parking lot in the 2000 Block of Victoria Av. The victim was talking to acquaintances when Cruz drove by, displayed a handgun, and shouted vulgarities at the victim.

Search warrants were served at the suspects' residences by Ventura Police Detectives.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 James Cruz, who was already in custody, was booked on additional charges of robbery and brandishing a firearm.

The additional juvenile suspect was arrested at his residence and booked into Ventura County Juvenile Hall for receiving stolen property stemming from the robbery.

*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.*