



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Shooting Investigation with Arrest

Location: 600 Block of Cedar St

Date/Time Occurred: 6-26-21 1850 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol, Major Crime Detectives

Suspect(s): James Cruz 2-28-02 Ventura Resident

Report #: 21-40777

Narrative:

On 6-26-21 at about 1850 hours the Ventura Police Department responded to a call of a shooting victim in the 600 block of Cedar St.

Officers arrived on scene and found the victim suffering from a single gun shot wound to his torso. He was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center for life threatening injuries.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect and victim had a brief encounter while in their vehicles near Olive St and Harrison Av. The suspect followed the victim to the 600 block of Cedar St where an altercation ensued.

The suspect, later identified as James Cruz, produced a handgun, and shot the victim. Cruz fled the location in his vehicle.

Later in the evening, officers located the suspect vehicle on Victoria Av. The suspect was stopped and taken into custody without incident.

Cruz was booked into the Ventura County Jail on charges of attempted murder. The victim remains in serious condition in the hospital.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Ventura Police Department.

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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