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Incident: Stolen Vehicle and Possession of Stolen Firearm Arrest

Location: S. Chestnut St. and E. Thompson Blvd.

Date/Time Occurred: 7/7/21 @ 1230 Hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Motor Officers and Ventura PD Patrol

Suspect(s): Brandi Price, 6/26/84, Wyoming Resident
Joseph Martinez, 2/23/66, Ventura Resident

Report #: 21-43692

Narrative:

On 7/7/21, at approximately 1230 hours, a Ventura Police Traffic Enforcement Officer was patrolling in the area of Chestnut St. and Thompson Blvd. when he observed a stolen Mazda SUV driving in front of him. The officer initiated a traffic stop and contacted the occupants.

During the investigation, it was determined Brandi Price was driving the car, and it was stolen in Los Angeles. Price also possessed Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. She was arrested and booked in Ventura County Jail for driving a stolen vehicle, possession of controlled substances, and paraphernalia.

The passenger, Joseph Martinez, also had felony warrants for possession of narcotics and a firearm. He was placed under arrest and searched. During the search officers located a loaded stolen handgun. The gun was stolen in Santa Barbara. Martinez was booked in Ventura County Jail for possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, possession of a stolen firearm, and his warrants.

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.