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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Robbery and Attempt Murder Arrest

Location: House of Smokes, 105 South Oak Street

Date/Time Occurred: 10/24/21 @ 1720 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): Anthony Sierra, 03/13/2002, Bakersfield Resident

Report #: 21-70979

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a robbery that had just occurred at House of Smokes, 105 South Oak Street. The reporting party stated that the suspect fired a shot while in the business and fled in a vehicle. Ventura Police Officers arrived at the business within 3 minutes of the call, obtained information about the suspect and the vehicle, and broadcasted the information to other responding officers.

At about 1729 hours, a Ventura Police Patrol Corporal observed a car matching the description broadcasted by investigating officers exit the 101 Fwy at Harbor Blvd. The driver of the vehicle also matched the suspect's description. The vehicle was followed into the Harbor Blvd parking structure, 529 E. Harbor Blvd., and an enforcement stop was initiated. The driver, Anthony Sierra, was taken into custody without incident. As officers took custody of Sierra, an unregistered firearm was found concealed in his waistband.

During the investigation, officers learned that Sierra entered the House of Smokes, brandished a handgun at the clerk, and removed cash from the register. As Sierra was exiting the business, another employee attempted to stop him. Sierra fired one shot at the employee, nearly striking him, and then fled the area. The employees were not injured during the incident.

Sierra was arrested for 664/187- Attempt Murder, 211PC- Robbery, 25800 (a) PC possession of a firearm with intent to commit a felony, and 25400(c)(4)PC- possession of an illegal firearm concealed in public.

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.