

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Robbery

Location: 364 S California (Aloha Steak House)

Date/Time Occurred: January 27, 2022/1833 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol

Suspect(s): Garrett Powell (25 yrs) Vagrant

Report #: 22-5752

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the suspect Garrett Powell entered the Aloha Steak House and went to the Bar where he ordered a drink. Powell was denied service when he was unable to provide identification. He then ordered dinner and, after finishing, walked out of the restaurant without paying for his meal.

A customer who noticed Powell leaving without paying attempted to stop Powell. In response, Powell began to pull out a machete from his duffle bag. The Bartender for the restaurant told the customer to let Powell leave and immediately called 911. Powell left the restaurant and began walking north towards Downtown Ventura. Within 3 minutes of receiving the call, Ventura Patrol Officers located Powell at California St and Santa Clara St. Powell was immediately contacted and identified as the suspect. During the initial contact, Powell refused to listen to the officer's orders and, out of concern for the community's safety, was physically taken to the ground. Once on the ground, the officers successfully took him into custody.

Powell was not injured during the arrest, and one officer sustained a minor sprain to his hand, which was treated at a local hospital. Powell was transported to Ventura County Jail and booked for 211 PC Robbery.

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.