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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Lewd Acts Upon a Child Arrest

Location: 1700 Block of Victoria Av

Date/Time Occurred: 5-20-22 1330 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol, Special Victims Unit

Suspect(s): Ashley Claxton, Male, 9-21-95 Ventura Resident

Report #: 22-31825

Narrative:

On 5-20-22 at about 1330 hours the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a parent of a 14-year-old who indicated his daughter was grabbed by a male suspect as she walked home from school.

The ensuing investigation revealed that the female juvenile was walking home from school when the suspect approached her and engaged her in conversation. As the juvenile was trying to disengage from the conversation and avoid the suspect, she was grabbed in the buttocks. The juvenile fled from the area and when she returned home, she notified her parents.

Her father returned to the location of the occurrence and located the suspect and confronted him. He notified the police, however the suspect was gone when the police arrived.

Detectives from the Special Victims Unit were assigned the case. They identified the suspect as Ashley Claxton, and he was located in front of his residence. He was taken into custody without incident and subsequently booked into Ventura County Jail for felony lewd act with a child.

There may be additional victims and anyone who has had contact with the suspect should contact the Ventura Police at 805-650-8010.

The Ventura Police Department urge community members to stay aware of their surroundings and always report suspicious activity. Parents are also encouraged to talk to their children about walking to and from school safely. The Ventura Police Department offers a [safety video](#) for families available on [YouTube](#).

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.