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Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a loaded firearm Arrest

Location: 3300 Block of Main Street

Date/Time Occurred: 9/13/22 at 2020hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol

Suspect(s): John Nelson Barlow (12/12/83)

Report #: 22-60019

Narrative:

On the above date and time officers responded to a report of an assault with a knife that had just occurred in the parking lot of the Pacific View Mall. Upon arrival, officers determined the victim was sitting in his vehicle waiting to pick up his fiancé from work, when he observed a vehicle hit a raised planter as it was traveling through the parking lot. The victim rolled his window down to ask the driver, John Barlow, if he was alright. Barlow began yelling obscenities at the victim, and then exited his vehicle and threw a knife at the victim, which struck the victim's vehicle causing a visible dent.

The victim exited his vehicle to check on the damage and called 9-1-1. While the victim was on his phone with police dispatchers, Barlow walked over to the victim and punched him in the face, causing him to drop his phone. Patrol officers arrived on scene and detained Barlow without incident. While speaking with Barlow, officers suspected he was under the influence of alcohol. While searching his vehicle incident to arrest, officers located a loaded handgun on the front passenger seat. A records check revealed that Barlow was a convicted felon and cannot possess firearms.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Barlow was booked at Ventura County Jail for misdemeanor driving under the influence, felony assault with a deadly weapon, felony vandalism, and (5) additional felonies related to a prohibited person carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

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