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Incident: Residential Burglary, Felony Vandalism, and Prowling Arrest

Location: 1300 block Lark Ave

Date/Time Occurred: 12/28/22 @ 1540 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Street Crimes Unit

Suspect(s): Johnathan Cervantes, 35 years old, vagrant

Report #: 22-82966

Narrative:

On 12/28/22 at about 1540 hours, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a juvenile home alone, hiding in a closet, reporting that a subject had broken into their home and was still inside.

Officers arrived on scene in two minutes and safely detained a male subject, later identified as Johnathan Cervantes, as he walked out of the house. While inside the home, Cervantes broke into bedroom doors and vandalized the house, causing over \$500 in damage.

During the investigation, it was discovered Cervantes had gone up to at least one additional residence on the street, knocked on the door, and claimed he was from the Ventura County Water Department when the homeowner answered.

Based on Cervantes's actions, he was arrested for Prowling, Felony Vandalism, and Residential Burglary. Cervantes was booked at the Ventura County Jail.

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.