

**Incident:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon on Police Officer / Felon in Possession of a Firearm

**Location:** Subway – 51 W. Main Street Ventura, CA

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2/09/23 at 0329 Hrs.

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol / California Highway Patrol / Ventura County Sheriff's Office

**Suspect:** Clay Allen, 28 years old

**Report #:** 23-8444

**Narrative:**

On February 9, 2023, at about 3:39 a.m., Ventura Police Patrol Officers were dispatched to a call for service regarding subjects disturbing customers in front of Subway located at 51 W. Main Street in Ventura. Officers arrived and contacted two subjects in a vehicle parked directly in front of the business. The driver, later identified as Clay Allen, became uncooperative and began reaching around the interior of the vehicle. He then started his vehicle and accelerated forward, colliding into a large pillar attached to the business. After colliding with the building, Allen reversed his vehicle and drove directly towards an officer. The officer had to jump out of the way to avoid being struck by the vehicle.

Allen fled in his vehicle, with officers pursuing, northbound on Ventura Avenue. Allen eventually collided with a parked vehicle and then fled on foot. Officers located Allen on top of the roof of a nearby commercial building on Wall Street. Allen refused to come down off the roof and threatened several times to commit "suicide by cop". A Ventura Police Officer, who is trained in Crisis Intervention, negotiated with Allen for approximately 90 minutes and was ultimately successful in convincing Allen to surrender peacefully. Allen was taken into custody without further incident.

While officers were attempting to talk Allen off the roof, a search of his vehicle was conducted, and a loaded handgun was found on the driver's side floorboard. It was later determined that Allen has a prior felony conviction, which prohibits him from possessing a firearm.

Allen was arrested and taken to the Ventura County Jail for the following charges: Assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer; Felon in possession of a firearm; Hit and run; Possession of a stolen firearm; and Possession of a controlled substance while armed.

Allen sustained a minor injury during the incident. No officers were injured.

Officers from the California Highway Patrol assisted in setting up a perimeter and locating Allen. A K-9 unit from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office assisted but did not deploy the K-9.

*The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at [www.venturapd.org](http://www.venturapd.org)*

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