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Incident: Attempt Kidnapping, Child Endangerment, and Battery Arrest

Location: 7800 Telegraph Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 03/16/23 / 1800 hours.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Ventura Police Major Crimes

Suspect(s): Christine Brown (9/16/66), Ventura resident.

Report #: 23-15999

Narrative:

On 03/16/23 at about 6pm, an off-duty Ventura Police Department officer was leaving a store in the 7800 block of Telegraph Road and heard a child screaming and crying. The off-duty officer saw a man and a woman struggling over a 3–4-year-old child in a shopping cart. The man began shouting for the woman, later identified as Christine Brown, to let go of his child. As the man and Brown physically struggled with the child, the off-duty officer called 911. The man shouted that he did not know Brown and called for help. While struggling over the child, Brown kicked the man and tried to punch him but instead hit the child. The off-duty officer physically got between them and pushed Brown, who turned and fled. Brown was detained a short time later by arriving patrol officers.

According to the father, his child was in the shopping cart as he pushed the cart outside. Brown approached him and grabbed the child with both hands, trying to lift the child out of the seat. The father realized Brown was attempting to take his child and began struggling to get away from her. The child and father were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Brown was arrested for Attempted Kidnapping, Battery, and Child Endangerment. She was transported and 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.

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