



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Armed Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Location: Vons 5688 Telephone Rd. in Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 4/8/23 at 2128 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol

Suspect(s): Garrett Powell (26 yrs), Vagrant

Report #: 23-21345

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received multiple calls of a subject threatening with a knife in the 1200 block of South Victoria Avenue. A loss prevention agent from Vons called dispatch to report the same subject, Garrett Powell, had just committed a theft from the store and was following Powell, who was still holding a knife.

Officers located Powell on Victoria Ave., north of Ralston St. and he discarded the knife prior to officers taking him into custody.

The ensuing investigation revealed the loss prevention agent saw Powell conceal a bottle of alcohol inside the store. When the loss prevention agent stopped Powell at the exit and demanded the property back, Powell produced a knife and swung it at the loss prevention agent. The loss prevention agent was not injured in this incident and continued to follow Powell, giving updates to his location until officers were able to locate and take Powell into custody.

Garrett Powell was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

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.

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