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Incident: Pursuit of a Stolen Electric Bicycle

Location: Main Street at Olive Street

Date/Time Occurred: 6/23/23 at 0759 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol Task Force and Patrol Officers

Suspect(s): Jesus Belmontes (33 yrs.) Ventura Resident

Report #: 23-39001

Narrative:

On the above date and time, Officers attempted to stop the suspect, Belmontes for riding an electric bicycle (E-bike) against on-coming traffic near the intersection of Olive St. and Main Street. The suspect refused to stop and actively tried to evade the officers. The suspect dumped the E-bike and fled on foot to the rear of a business at the intersection of Main St. and Ventura Avenue.

A motor officer in the area deployed a drone and located the suspect in a rear fenced yard to a nearby art studio, armed with pruning shears. Officers set a perimeter and evacuated the occupants of the studio. Once confined, the suspect threatened to kill officers if they approached and brandished the shears. Officers began negotiations with the suspect to seek a peaceful surrender.

After approximately 1 hour, the suspect agreed to surrender, and officers took him into custody. As officer were searching the suspect, they found a small pair of pointed scissors concealed in his clothing in a manner that made the weapon easily accessible. The ensuing investigation revealed the suspect tried to enter the art studio through a sliding glass door while being pursued by officers. No one was injured during this arrest.

A records check revealed the suspect had an out of county felony want for his arrest for violation of his Post Release Community Supervision out of Kern County. While the suspect was being transported to the Ventura County Jail, it was discovered the E-bike was stolen by an uninvolved officer as they were taking a theft report of the E-bike that the suspect was riding. The E-bike was returned to its owner.

The suspect was booked at the Ventura County Jail for PC 69, 417.8, 664/459, 496, 21310, 148, 466, and VC 21650.1, 2800.4.

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

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