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**VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Incident:** Interrupted Vehicle Theft

**Location:** Eagle St. at Partridge Dr.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 6/29/23 at 1825 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Patrol and K9 Bolt

**Suspect(s):** Richard Gonzalez (32 years), Oxnard Resident

**Report #:** 23-40564

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a female reporting that her husband was in a physical fight with a man that was inside their vehicle near the intersection of Eagle St. and Partridge Drive. When Gonzalez was confronted by the victim's husband, Gonzalez physically assaulted the victim's husband and started to run away. The victim's husband chased Gonzalez, and the Gonzalez brandished a firearm, took the husband's cell phone, and fled to a neighboring apartment complex.

Officers in the area quickly set up a perimeter and a K9 Officer started a track of Gonzalez. Officers deployed a drone and in conjunction with the K9 track, and Gonzalez was located by the drone in the backyard of an apartment, actively trying to open the rear sliding door and window.

Officers were able to take Gonzalez into custody and recovered the stolen cell phone. The ensuing investigation revealed the Gonzalez was attempting to steal the victim's car when confronted by the owner and Gonzalez was stopped by officers as he actively tried to enter an occupied apartment. The firearm used by Gonzalez was located and found to be a toy cap gun.

Gonzalez was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Attempted Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Brandishing an Imitation Firearm, Battery, Prowling, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

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

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*If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.*