

Brandishing a firearm and criminal threats arrest

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Incident: Brandishing a firearm and criminal threats arrest

Location: 600 block Riverside St. Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 10-18-15/8:08pm

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol officers

Victim(s): Jose Castillo 46 yrs, Ventura resident

Suspect(s): Javier Castro 60 yrs old

Report #: 15-14294

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department's Command Center, received a 911 call from Jose Castillo, who indicated a suspect brandished a firearm at him in the 600 block of Riverside St., in Ventura.

The suspect, Javier Castro, had made threatening statements to the victim while brandishing a firearm. The victim feared for his life and called 911 for assistance. Responding officers located Castro attempting to drive away from the scene of the crime.

Officers stopped the vehicle Castro was driving at Warner St. and Ventura Avenue and took him into custody. Castro was positively identified by the victim of the brandishing and criminal threats. During the search of Castro's vehicle, officers located a 9mm semi-automatic handgun, ammunition and a high capacity magazine.

During the investigation, officers learned that Castro had previously been convicted of multiple felonies and is a prohibited from possessing a firearm and/or ammunition.

Castro was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for criminal threats, brandishing a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and possession a high capacity magazine.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4488

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.