

Shoplift Robbery

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Incident: Shoplift Robbery

Location: Macy's, 477 S. Mills Road (Pacific View Mall)

Date/Time Occurred: 7/28/15 @ 4:10pm

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Macy's

Suspect(s): Austin Rodriguez, 26 years old from Oxnard

Report #: 15-10064

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from loss prevention at Macy's regarding a shoplift robbery. As three loss prevention officers attempted to contact the suspect, he became combative with them and began punching them. At one point during the fight, the suspect reached towards his waistband area in what the loss prevention officers believed was an attempt to retrieve a weapon and use against them. At that point, the loss prevention officers let go of the suspect and he ran away from them. Responding officers located the suspect in a nearby neighborhood in the 200 block of Dunning Street. At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail for robbery. During a search of the suspect's backpack officers did locate a replica "air soft" handgun, however it was determined that he never brandished or pulled the replica gun during the incident. One of the loss prevention officers sustained minor injuries from the incident. No medical assistance was requested.

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.