

## Stolen Vehicle, Pursuit and Arrest

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**06/17/2015**

**Incident:** Stolen Vehicle, Pursuit and Arrest

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

**Location:**Vince Street and Olive Street.

**Date/Time Occurred:** June 17, 2015 at 7:21 AM

**Officer(s) Involved:**VPD Patrol and Street Crimes unit

**Suspect(s):** Ariana Lara-Leon, 22 years old, Ventura Resident

**Report #:**15-07937

**Narrative:**

On June 17, 2015 at 7:21 am, the Ventura Police Department received information reference a stolen vehicle in the area of Olive and Vince Street. Officers attempted to make an enforcement stop on the vehicle. The Driver (Ariana Lara-Leon) failed to stop. Leon continued driving and began accelerating at a high rate of speed, while committing several traffic violations, including not stopping for red lights at several different intersections. Officers continued the pursuit eastbound Thompson Blvd where the pursuit was initially terminated due to public safety.

Leon approached the intersection of Chestnut and the southbound 101 onramp. Leon entered the freeway and officers reengaged in the pursuit. Leon continued southbound on the 101 freeway reaching speeds of 100 MPH still failing to yield to officer's lights and sirens. Leon continued southbound on the 101 freeway, then traveled eastbound on the 126 freeway where she exited the freeway at Victoria Ave. Leon continued to commit traffic violations as she fled southbound Victoria Ave. Leon drove westbound Ralston to North bound Saratoga into a residential complex. Leon exited her vehicle and attempted to flee on foot, but was quickly apprehended by pursuing officers. It was determined that Leon was the solo occupant of the vehicle.

Officer's administered field sobriety tests, which indicated that Leon was under the influence of a controlled substance. She was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for evading a police officer, stolen vehicle and driving under the influence of a controlled substance. No officers or civilians were injured in the incident, Leon sustained minor scratches.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4309.