

Child Endangerment, Resisting Officer Arrest

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Incident: Child Endangerment, Resisting Officer Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

Location: 100 block of S. Chestnut St, Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: May 14, 2015 at 8:51 PM

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Officers

Victim(s): 3 yr old male

Suspect(s): Diego Montano, 26 years old of Ventura

Report #: 15-06493

Narrative:

On May 14, 2015 at 8:51 PM, a concerned citizen in the area of the 100 block of South Chestnut Street called the Ventura Police Department to report an extremely intoxicated male who was carrying a small child with him. The citizen was concerned for the safety and well being of the child. As officers were responding to check on the child, two parking cadets, who were working in the area, were contacted by a citizen regarding the same suspect. The cadets then saw the suspect walking up to a vehicle in the nearby parking structure and possibly attempt to get into a vehicle with the child.

As the suspect was at the vehicle, he saw the parking cadets watching him, and the suspect ran while still carrying the child. As he was running, he hit the child's head on a metal light pole causing minor injuries. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with the suspect at Santa Clara and Chestnut St. As they attempted to detain him for the investigation, he violently fought with officers. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody. The child was not harmed during the fight.

The suspect sustained minor injuries from the fight and was later booked at Ventura County Jail for child endangerment and violently resisting officers. Child and Family Services was contacted and coordinated care for the child. None of the officers involved were injured.

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.