

Vehicle Tampering, Possession of Loaded Firearm

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Incident: Conspiracy, Vehicle Tampering, Possession of a Loaded Firearm

Contact: Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

Location: 1700 Block of Monita Dr

Date/Time Occurred: March 28, 2015 at 4:30 AM

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): Gregory Ledbetter, 24 years old, Ventura Resident

Melissa Zeir, 32 years old, Ventura Resident

White male juvenile, 17 years old, Ventura Resident

Report #: 15-04249

Narrative:

On March 29, 2015 at approximately 4:30 AM, Ventura PD patrol officers responded to the 1700 block of Monita Drive regarding a resident reporting two suspects seen casing vehicles in the area. The resident reported seeing both suspects checking the door handles on vehicles parked both on the street and in the driveways of homes in the area.

While officers were responding, the suspects were picked up by a waiting vehicle and then left the area. An officer in the area observed a vehicle leaving the area that matched the description of the vehicle that was provided by the resident. VPD patrol officers stopped the vehicle and contacted three occupants. Both of the male suspects were identified by witnesses as the suspects who were seen tampering with vehicles on Monita Dr. During a search of the suspect vehicle, a loaded firearm was located, along with several articles of property that are possibly stolen.

Ledbetter was arrested for conspiracy, vehicle tampering and possession of narcotics and paraphernalia that were located on his person at the time of his arrest. Ledbetter was later booked at Ventura County Jail without further incident.

The male juvenile was arrested for conspiracy, vehicle tampering, possession of a loaded firearm and juvenile warrant. The juvenile was later booked at juvenile hall without further incident.

The driver of the vehicle, Zeir, was found to be driving on a suspended license. Zeir was issued a citation for the violation and the vehicle she was driving was impounded.

No injuries were reported 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) 339-4309.