Stolen Vehicle Recovery and Arrest

03/12/2015

Incident: Stolen Vehicle Recovery and Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

Location: 4200 block of E.Main St.

Date/Time Occurred: March 12, 2015 at 1:00 AM

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol / Ventura PD K9 Unit

Suspect(s): 1 – Richard Blume / 26 years old / Ventura Resident

    2 - Ashley Rissi / 25 years old / Ventura Resident

Report #: 15-03404

Narrative:

On March 11, 2015 at approximately 10:30 PM, an employee of Prime Restaurant at 2009 Thompson Blvd called 911 to report that a male and female subject had just eaten dinner and the male subject left a counterfeit $100 bill as payment. As the employee attempted to confront the subject's, they quickly left the restaurant, got into a truck and fled. The employee provided a detailed description of the truck, but responding officers were unable to locate it.

On March 12, 2015 at approximately 1:00 AM, a patrol officer observed a truck matching the description traveling in the area of Seaward Ave. and Harbor Blvd. A records check revealed the truck was reported stolen from the area of Ventura Harbor on March 10, 2015. Officers conducted a high-risk stop on the truck in the 4200 Block of E. Main St. The driver was identified as Richard Blume and the passenger was Ashley Rissi. The employee of Prime responded and positively identified Blume and Rissi as the two subjects who had eaten at the restaurant and Blume as passing the counterfeit bill.

Officers found narcotics during a search of the truck. Blume was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and passing a fraudulent bill. Rissi was arrested for several outstanding arrest warrants. Both suspects were booked at the Ventura County Jail. The stolen truck was later returned to the registered owner undamaged. 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) 339-1558.