

Armed Robbery with Arrests

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Incident: Armed Robbery with Arrests

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Log Cabin Liquor Store - 2457 Alameda Ave. Ventura, CA

Date/Time Occurred: 01/11/15 @ 2125 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, VPD Major Crimes Detectives, VPD SWAT Team

Victim(s): Log Cabin Liquor

Suspect:

#1 Elaine Larussi 24 yrs. Oxnard Resident

#2 Brandon Diemel 30 yrs. Oxnard Resident

Report #: 15-00520

Narrative:

On the above date and time, two armed suspects entered the Log Cabin Liquor Store at 2457 Alameda Ave. The suspects were wearing ski masks and hooded sweatshirts, and they demanded money from the clerk while pointing a gun at him. The suspects were able to take an undisclosed amount of cash and a bottle of alcohol before fleeing the scene in a vehicle.

The clerk from the store called the Ventura Police Command Center and gave a description of the suspect vehicle. Within minutes, a Ventura Police Patrol officer spotted a vehicle matching the description and initiated a traffic stop on that vehicle. The vehicle was occupied by at least 3 people. One suspect fled from the vehicle and the other two remained inside. The remaining two suspects, Larussi and Diemel, were placed under arrest after evidence was located which tied them to the robbery. They were arrested for robbery and conspiracy to commit a robbery. Officers were unable to locate the third suspect that fled from the vehicle.

The Ventura Police Department SWAT Team was activated in order to serve a search warrant at the residence of Larussi in the city of Oxnard. This was done in an attempt to gather more evidence and possibly locate the third suspect.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4416.