

Resisting arrest and injury traffic collision

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Incident: Resisting arrest and injury traffic collision

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 2400 Block of Harbor Blvd

Date/Time Occurred: 1-23-15 / 0735 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Suspect(s): Armando Gabriel Mendoza, 29 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 15-01063

Narrative:

On 1-23-15 at approximately 0735 hours, a citizen reported a suspicious subject entering several invalid number codes into an ATM at the Chase Bank. The VPD officer contacted the suspicious subject, who he identified as Armando Gabriel Mendoza. The VPD officer confirmed that Mendoza was attempting to withdraw money from the ATM using an inactive bank card that would normally be sent out as an advertisement from a bank.

During contact with Mendoza, the VPD officer attempted to conduct a probation search of his person. Mendoza resisted the officer's efforts to search him and fled on foot. The VPD officer caught up with Mendoza after a brief foot pursuit, however, Mendoza was again able to break free from the officer and continued to flee. Mendoza fled out of the parking lot and into the traffic lanes on Harbor Blvd where he was struck by a vehicle that was driving East on Harbor Blvd. Mendoza was thrown approximately 25-30 feet as a result of the collision, but managed to get back up onto his feet and continued to flee from the officer. After another brief foot pursuit, the officer was able to again catch up to Mendoza and apprehend him.

Mendoza sustained moderate injuries as a result of the collision and was transported to VCMC where he was admitted for treatment. Mendoza was cited and released at the hospital for resisting arrest and possession of narcotics. The motorist that was driving the vehicle that collided with Mendoza was not injured. No VPD officers were injured as a result of this incident.