

## Robbery

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**01/24/2015**

**Incident:** Robbery

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

**Location:** Target 4200 E. Main St., Ventura

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1-24-15 / 1416 hours

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol

**Victim(s):** Target / Target loss prevention officer

**Suspect(s):** Lejon Peterson, BMA, 41 years, Ventura Vagrant

**Report #:** 15-01142

**Narrative:**

On 1-24-15 at approximately 1416 hours, Ventura Police patrol officers responded to the Target store located at 4200 E. Main St. regarding a robbery. Uniformed loss prevention officers for Target reported a black male suspect, later identified as Lejon Peterson, was seen concealing merchandise in his backpack prior to leaving the store without paying for the items. One of the loss prevention officers attempted to contact and detain Peterson outside of the store and have him return to their office until the police could arrive. As the loss prevention officer attempted to detain Peterson, he ignored his commands and kept walking away from him. When the loss prevention officer tried to grab Peterson and stop him from leaving with the stolen merchandise, Peterson turned around and raised a metal rod over his head in a threatening manner. The loss prevention officer immediately backed away from Peterson, fearing that he was going to hit him with the metal rod and injure him.

Peterson left the property still in possession of the stolen merchandise and was located nearby by VPD patrol officers who were responding to the call. Peterson was still in possession of the stolen merchandise and the metal rod when he was arrested. Peterson was later booked at the Ventura county jail for robbery. There were no injuries reported as a result of the incident.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4309.