Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest ***UPDATED***

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest ***UPDATED***  

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416  

Location: Seaward Ave. and Thompson Blvd.  

Date/Time Occurred: 01/23/15 @ 2156 hours  

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol  

Suspect(s): Fernando Suarez, 23 yrs, Oxnard Resident  

Report #: 15-01107  

Narrative:  

On the above date and time, a Ventura police officer on patrol saw a silver Chrysler 300 sedan traveling at a high rate of speed on Harbor Blvd near Seaward Ave. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and the driver, later identified as the suspect Fernando Suarez, yielded and stopped in the Chevron gas station at the corner of Seaward Ave. and Thompson Blvd.  

As the officer was exiting his patrol unit to make contact with Suarez, he accelerated and fled from the traffic stop. The officer returned to his patrol unit and began pursuing Suarez who continued traveling on several nearby residential streets, then ultimately eastbound onto Main St. Suarez turned southbound onto Hartman Dr. and abandoned the vehicle. He then fled on foot and during the foot pursuit, Suarez gained access into a business at the corner of Borchard Dr. and Thompson Blvd. Officers followed Suarez and after a brief struggle inside the business, he was taken into custody. A taser was deployed to assist officers in taking Suarez into custody.  

The pursuit covered a distance of approximately 1 mile, with speeds reaching a maximum of approximately 65 mph on Main St. During the course of the pursuit, Suarez also failed to stop for several stop signs and red lights.  

After being medically cleared at VCMC, Suarez was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading in a vehicle.  

One officer received minor injuries during the arrest and was treated at the scene. No citizens were injured as a result of this pursuit.  

***UPDATED INFORMATION***  

Suarez will also be charged with felony resisting arrest.