

## UPDATE -- Theft of Dog

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**Incident:** UPDATE -- Theft of Dog

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

**Location:** 2200 Block of E Thompson Blvd

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12/26/14 at 2031 Hours

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

**Victim(s):** Lindsey Mercer, 30, Ventura resident

**Suspect(s):** W/F, late 20's, thin, light brown hair

**Report #:** 14-16332

**Narrative:**

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During the early morning hours the victim received a phone call from an unknown male stating he had her dog. The suspect told the victim he found the dog near the area of the theft claiming the victim's dog ruined some of his property soliciting compensation and wanting a reward.

The suspect requested to meet the victim at a location in the city of Oxnard to exchange the animal. When the victim arrived the suspect was nowhere to be found. The suspect again made contact with the victim advising he left the dog at a veterinarian clinic somewhere in the city of Oxnard. The victim spent several hours searching various veterinarian clinics in Oxnard where she finally located her dog at a PetSmart in the 2100 block of Rose Ave. Meeka is now safely back at home with her owner.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this crime is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4325, or make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Original Narrative Follows:

On the above date and time Ventura Patrol Officers responded to the Fresh & Easy store located in the 2200 block of E Thompson Blvd re: a theft of a dog that had just occurred.

Officers arrived on scene and contacted a witness who had observed the suspect approach a dog that was secured to a leash outside the store entrance while its owner was shopping inside.

The suspect detached the dog's collar from the leash and pulled the dog towards a truck that pulled up on Jordan Ave. The suspect entered the passenger side of the truck with the dog and the truck drove off southbound on Jordan Ave.

The stolen dog is described as a small black and brown striped boxer. The suspect is a white female in her late 20's, thin build, light brown hair, wearing an unknown color sweater and jeans.

The suspect vehicle is described as a white late model Chevy truck that is lifted and has a loud exhaust. There is no description of the driver of the suspect vehicle.

Officers checked the surrounding area for the suspect vehicle however it was not located.