12/18/2014

**Incident:** Residential Burglary Arrests

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

**Location:** Loma Vista Rd. and Jefferson Ave.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12/18/14 @ 1203 hrs

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura PD Patrol

**Suspect(s):**

#1 Rodney Bennett, 23 yrs, Port Hueneme

#2 Austin Ervin, 22 yrs, Port Hueneme

#3 Sara Ayala, 21 yrs, Port Hueneme

**Report #:** 14-15938, 14-15939, 14-15940

**Narrative:**

At approximately 11:37 a.m., on the above date, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a victim of a residential burglary in the 300 block of Westminster St. The victim had arrived home to find that unknown suspects had entered the residence through an unlocked window and took property.

A short time later, at approximately 12:03 p.m., the Command Center received a call from a resident in the 7300 block of Pierce St., reporting that a suspicious subject, later identified as Rodney Bennett, had just knocked on the front door of her residence. When the caller answered the door, Bennett asked for a person by name and left when told the person did not live there. The caller watched as Bennett got into an awaiting vehicle, which was occupied by a female driver and a male passenger. The caller provided a description of the vehicle to the police dispatcher.

Officers responding to the call saw a vehicle matching the description given by the caller and conducted a vehicle stop at Loma Vista Rd. and Jefferson Ave.

Simultaneously while officers were responding to the suspicious subject call on Pierce St., the Command Center received a call at approximately 12:18 p.m., from a citizen reporting the front door of a neighbor’s residence being found forced open in the 5400 block of LaFayette St. Officers responded to that location and determined the residence had been burglarized and property was taken.

During the investigation, officers located property taken from both of the above residential burglaries in the vehicle.

Bennett, as well as the female driver, later identified as Sara Ayala, and the other passenger, later identified as Austin Ervin, were arrested for Conspiracy and Residential Burglary. All three were booked into the Ventura County Jail.

No citizens were injured as a result of these crimes.