

Attempt Carjacking & Carjacking

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Incident: Attempt Carjacking & Carjacking

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location:

1) 1700 Block of S. Victoria Ave.

2) 700 Block Empire Ave.

Date/Time Occurred:

1) 11/14/14 @2248 Hrs

2) 11/14/14 @ 2307 Hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol / California Highway Patrol

Victim(s):

1) Male / 66 yrs / Camarillo resident (name withheld)

2) Female / 55 yrs / Ventura resident (name withheld)

Suspect(s): Juan De Dios Soto, 32 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 1) 14-14529

2) 14-14530

Narrative:

On 11/14/14, at 2248 hours, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of an attempt car jacking that just occurred in the Ralph's parking lot on Victoria Ave. Officers arrived and determined that the suspect approached the victim as he sat in his vehicle and demanded that the victim exit his vehicle and give the suspect his keys. When the victim refused to comply, the suspect then brandished a handgun and once again ordered the victim out of his vehicle. The victim yelled out that he was being robbed and continued to refuse to comply with the suspect's orders. The suspect then got into the passenger side of an older model green Honda Accord that was waiting in the parking lot, and the vehicle sped out of the area. Officers searched the area for the vehicle but did not locate it.

Approximately 20 minutes later, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a car jacking that just occurred in the 700 Block of Empire Ave. Officers arrived and determined that while the victim was exiting her vehicle, after just parking it, the suspect approached on foot and demanded her keys while placing a handgun in her side. In fear for her life, the victim complied with the suspect's orders and gave him her keys. The suspect then fled in the victim's vehicle. Officer's searched the surrounding area but

did not locate the vehicle. Based on the similar physical and clothing description of the suspect, and the timeframe that the crimes occurred in, there is a possibility that they are related.

On 11/15/14, at 0330 hours, Officers from the California Highway Patrol located the victim's vehicle abandoned at the intersection of Rice Ave and Gonzales Rd in the City of Oxnard. Ventura Police Officer's responded and recovered the vehicle. The victim's vehicle was later returned to her.

UPDATE:

During the course of the investigation it was determined that Juan Soto was the suspect in the Carjacking that occurred on Empire Avenue. On 11/16/14 at 1101 hours, Ventura Police patrol officers located and arrested Soto. He was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Carjacking.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4309