

Vehicle Pursuit, Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Felon in Possession of Gun, Hit and Run & Resisting Arrest

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Incident: Vehicle Pursuit, Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Felon in Possession of Gun, Hit and Run & Resisting Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Brookshire Ave. and Telegraph Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 10/31/14 0300Hrs

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol, VPD K-9 Unit

Suspect(s):

- 1) Erick Hernandez / 19yrs / Ventura Resident
- 2) Edward Juarez / 18yrs / Camarillo Resident
- 3) H/M Juvenile / 14yrs / Ventura Resident
- 4) H/M/ 18-20 yrs

Report #: 14-13871

Narrative:

On 10/31/14 at about 0240Hrs, The Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of two gunshots fired in the 300 Block of West Barnett Street. The caller told dispatchers there was four male suspects involved and after the shots were heard, the suspects all got into a tan colored 4-door Honda and left southbound on Olive Street. Responding officers searched the area and did not locate the vehicle or evidence of a shooting.

A few minutes later, a patrol officer observed a vehicle matching the description occupied with four male subjects driving in the area of Seaward Avenue and Poli Street. The officer attempted to make an enforcement stop on the vehicle and it quickly accelerated away traveling southbound on Seaward Avenue towards Main Street while the officer pursued. The vehicle traversed through a residential area for approximately 1 mile and then drove eastbound ending up on Telegraph Road. The vehicle continued eastbound and attempted to make a right hand turn from Telegraph Road onto Brookshire Avenue. The vehicle then lost control and went up onto the curb and collided into the street sign on the corner.

The four suspects then exited the vehicle and ran into the apartment complex in the 6000 Block of Telegraph Road. The officer that stayed at the crash site located a firearm and ammunition in the vehicle. Other officers pursued the suspects on foot and a containment perimeter was set up around the complex. A short time later, Edward Juarez and the H/M Juvenile were found hiding and taken into custody. Eric Hernandez was observed trying to escape from the perimeter and the K-9 was deployed and assisted taking Hernandez into custody. Officer's searched the entire complex and the surrounding area for the last occupant of the vehicle but he is still outstanding.

Officers were able to make contact with the registered owner of the vehicle involved in the pursuit and confirmed that it was an unreported stolen vehicle from the Saticoy area. At the conclusion of the investigation, it was determined that Erick Hernandez was the driver of the vehicle and he was also a documented Saticoy gang member. After a medical clearance at VCMC for moderate injuries sustained during his arrest, Hernandez was booked at the Ventura County Jail for felony evading, possession of a stolen vehicle, prior felon in possession of a firearm, hit and run and committing a crime for the furtherance of a gang. Edward Juarez was booked at the Ventura County Jail for resisting arrest. The juvenile was cited and released to his parent for resisting arrest.

No officers were injured as a result of this incident. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4309.