

10/20/2014

Incident: Vehicle Pursuit Arrest / Stolen Vehicle / DUI / Hit and Run

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 101 Freeway at San Jon Rd

Date/Time Occurred: October 20, 2014, 7:19 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol / Harbor Patrol / Ventura City Fire

Suspect: Robert Salazar, 43 years, Oxnard Resident

Report #: 14-13430

Narrative:

On the above date and time a Ventura Police officer saw a vehicle driving erratically on the Northbound 101 Freeway near San Jon Rd in Ventura. When the officer attempted to make an enforcement stop on the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Robert Salazar, fled and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

Salazar exited the freeway at California Street but then immediately re-entered the Southbound 101 Freeway from Harbor Blvd. Officers pursued Salazar until the area of San Jon Rd, when he drove very close to other motorists at a high rate of speed in a very dangerous manner. Due to the excessive speeds and dangerous driving behavior of Salazar, Ventura Police Officers terminated the pursuit.

Ventura Police Officers then saw the vehicle exit the freeway at Seaward Avenue, where Salazar collided with motorists at the off-ramp. Salazar ran a red light and stop signs as he drove into the Pierpont Beach area. Officers lost sight of Salazar as he drove eastbound on Pierpont Blvd at high speeds. A short time later, Ventura Police Command Center received a 9-1-1 call from the 1300 Block of Hanover Lane. The suspect vehicle was found abandoned there, running, in the middle of the street. Officers searched the area and located Salazar on the beach. Salazar fled into the ocean and attempted to swim away. He got washed onto the rocks of the Jetty and was eventually rescued with the help of Ventura Harbor Patrol and Ventura City Fire rescue swimmers.

The vehicle that Salazar had been driving was determined to be an unreported stolen vehicle. Salazar was arrested for 10851 VC - unlawful taking of a vehicle without the consent of the owner, 2800.2(a) VC - driving with wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property while fleeing from pursuing Officers, 23152(a) VC - driving under the influence of alcohol, and 20002(a) VC - hit and run.