

Assault with a deadly weapon arrest / K-9 deployment

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Incident: Assault with a deadly weapon arrest / K-9 deployment

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 700 Block E Santa Clara St

Date/Time Occurred: 9/14/14 at 2154 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD K-9 Officer and VPD Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Joanne Martinez, H/F, 50 years, Ventura resident

Suspect(s): Joseph Ojida, M/H, 53 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 14-11764

Narrative:

On the above date and time the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call re: a physical altercation occurring inside the Leewood Hotel located in the 700 Blk of E Santa Clara St.

Officers responded to this location and a Ventura Police K-9 officer, who was first on scene, observed the suspect, later identified as Joseph Ojida, physically assaulting a female in the hallway of the hotel. Ojida was also armed with a length of rope with a large metal clip attached to one end.

The K-9 officer gave Ojida several commands to drop the weapon and when he refused to comply the officer deployed his canine partner to take Ojida into custody.

The investigation determined that Ojida had burst into the victim's room uninvited and began an argument. The victim attempted to push Ojida out of her room when he began to assault her and swung the rope with the metal clip but just missed striking her.

The victim received minor injuries from the assault and was treated at the scene. Ojida was arrested and transported to the hospital for treatment of his injuries he sustained from the K-9 deployment. He was later transported to the Ventura County Main Jail and booked on the charges of 245(a)(1) PC – Assault with a deadly weapon and 148(a)(1) PC – Resisting arrest.