

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon

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**09/13/2014**

**Incident:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon

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

**Location:** Plaza Park – 600 E. Santa Clara St, Ventura

**Date/Time Occurred:** 9/13/14 @1505 Hrs

**Officer(s) Involved:** VPD Patrol

**Suspect:** Armando Mendez – 37yrs Ventura Vagrant

**Victim:** John Chavez - 45yrs Ventura Vagrant

**Report #:** 14-11697

**Narrative:**

On the above date and time, the victim and suspect were at the park with group of other people when they got into an argument. The suspect produced a small bat and struck the victim in the head, causing the victim to fall to the ground. The suspect ran away from the scene as witnesses to the crime called 9-1-1. Responding officers were able to locate the suspect a few blocks away. Physical evidence located linked Mendez to the crime and he was subsequently arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Billy Club, and Possession of a Switchblade Knife. The victim is in critical and guarded condition due to the severity of the head injury he received during this incident.

The investigation into this crime is ongoing. There were numerous people in and around the park who left as police arrived. Any witnesses or anyone with information related to this incident are urged to call the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4309.