

Armed Robbery

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Incident:***UPDATED***Armed Robbery

Location:Winco, 4750 Telephone Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 01/11/16 / 2:45pm

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers, Ventura Police Major Crimes Detectives

Victim(s):Victim's name withheld

Suspect(s):Supect#1 – Maria Lopez, 37 years, Oxnard Resident

Suspect#2 – George Martinez, 47 years, Oxnard Resident

Report #: 16-00462

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the VPD Communications Center received a call of a theft that just occurred at Winco at 4750 Telephone Rd in Ventura. Patrol officers responded to the scene and attempted to locate the suspects, but they were not located.

During the investigation, officers learned that Suspect #1 and #2 selected several items in the store and concealed them in a bag. Both suspects exited without paying for the items that were selected and were both contacted by a loss prevention (LP) officer for Winco. After the LP officer asked Suspect #1 to return the stolen items and to go back into the store, Suspect #1 refused to comply. Suspect #2 then brandished a taser at the LP officer and told the LP officer to let her go while suspect #2 activated the taser. The LP officer backed away both suspects fled on foot away from the scene with the stolen property. No one was hurt during the incident.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Today, at approximately 1345 hrs, the Oxnard Police Department received an anonymous call from a citizen reporting that the female suspect, later identified as Maria Lopez and the male suspect, later identified as George Martinez, were seen at a park in the city of Oxnard. The caller had indicated to Oxnard's dispatch that they had recognized Lopez and Martinez as being pictured on social media and both were related to a robbery at Winco in city of Ventura. Officers from Oxnard responded to the park, Mandalay County Park, 1600 Harbor Blvd., and detained them.

Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives and patrol responded and took custody of Lopez and Martinez. Both were transported back to the Ventura Police Department and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for conspiracy and robbery.