

Stalking Arrest

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08/12/2014

Incident: Stalking Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 5700 Block of Telephone Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 8-12-14 / 0900 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers and Detectives

Suspect(s): John Brophy, Male, 29 yrs old (Ventura Resident)

Victim(s): (Name Withheld), Female, 28 yrs old

Report #: 14-09471

Narrative:

In January of 2014, the victim called the Ventura Police Command Center to report that a male named John Brophy had been harassing her at her place of business. Patrol officers responded to gather initial information from the victim. The suspect was a customer who frequently came to the business to speak with her. The suspect later began sending her repeated emails and calling her numerous times at her place of business. The suspect also began to express his feelings of affection toward the victim, who repeatedly refused Brophy's advances.

Brophy's behavior began to escalate to the point where he would wait for the victim to arrive at work and he would chase her from her vehicle to the building where she worked. The suspect would also wait for the victim to finish work and he would chase her to her vehicle. The victim repeatedly told the suspect to leave her alone. The victim also began to have friends and bank employees escort her to and from her place of business because she was in fear for her safety. The victim re-contacted Ventura Police due to the matter escalating and Ventura Police Detectives conducted an investigation into the matter. Ventura Police Detectives learned that Brophy was currently on probation for a previous conviction of 646.9 PC / Stalking.

On 8/12/14 at 0900 hours, Ventura Police Detectives contacted Brophy while he was waiting to chase the victim into the building where she worked. Brophy attempted to flee from officers but was ultimately taken into custody. Brophy was also found in possession of a cell phone that was later determined to be stolen.

Brophy was booked at Ventura County Jail for 646.9 PC-Stalking, 496 PC -Possession of Stolen Property and 148(a)(1) PC - Resisting an Officer. Brophy was also served with a restraining order protecting the victim.

The investigation into this crime is ongoing. Anyone with related information is urged to contact Det. Edwards of the Ventura Police Department at 339-4328.