

Press release -- UPDATE with ARREST: Assault with a Deadly Weapon



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Incident: Press release -- UPDATE with ARREST: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 200 Block of E. Thompson Blvd.

Date/Time Occurred: April 16, 2014, 8:26 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Victim(s):

Victim#1 Jennifer Bolton, 39 yrs, Vagrant

Victim#2 Jerry Hooper, 42 yrs, Vagrant

Suspect(s): UPDATED INFORMATION: Ned Barron, 47 yrs, Vagrant

Report #: 14-4687

Narrative:

UPDATED INFORMATION:

***On April 21, 2014, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Ventura Police K-9 officer observed Ned Barron riding a bicycle in the area of Laurel St. and Thompson Blvd. The officer was aware Barron was wanted in connection with this previous crime and attempted to stop him. Barron attempted to flee on the bicycle and after a brief pursuit, he was taken into custody after the police K-9 was deployed.

Barron was transported to VCMC for treatment of non-life threatening injuries related to the dog bite. After being treated, he was booked into the Ventura County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.***

*** Narrative from the original release follows: ***

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from victim #1, Bolton, reporting that she and victim #2, Hooper, had just been burned by the suspect who threw "fire" on them. The suspect fled prior to police arriving on scene and was last seen fleeing the area on a bicycle towards the fairgrounds.

During the investigation, officers learned that both of the victims were inside of a tent in an encampment along the 101 freeway, when the suspect threw hot coals from a nearby campfire onto the tent. The coals burned through the tent and landed on the victims. Both of the victims sustained moderate burns to their back and arms. After being treated by Ventura City Fire personnel at the scene, they were transported to VCMC for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Officers checked the area and were not able to locate the suspect.