

Press Release: Theft and Trespassing with Arrest

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Incident: Theft and Trespassing with Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: VenturaHigh School, 2 N. Catalina St.

Date/Time Occurred: March 20, 2014, 10:46 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD School Resource Officer

Suspect(s): Christopher Thoma, 44 yrs, Vagrant

Report #: 14-3483

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department's School Resource Officer assigned to Ventura High School was patrolling the campus on foot when he observed the suspect, later identified as Christopher Thoma, enter the school grounds through an unlocked gate.

The officer saw Thoma retrieve a student's unlocked bicycle and start walking off of the campus towards Main St. Thoma, who officers learned was a parolee out of Florida, was contacted and it was determined he was attempting to steal the bicycle.

Thoma was arrested for petty theft and trespassing onto school grounds. He was booked into the Ventura County Jail. The student was located and his bicycle was returned.