

Warrant Arrest

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Incident: Warrant Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: CoastlineBible Church, 400 Block of Mills Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: March 11, 2014, 7:33 a.m.

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

Suspect(s): Ruben Gonzales, 29 yrs, Vagrant

Report #: 14-3027

Narrative:

On the above date and time officers responded to a call of a suspicious subject loitering and displaying bizarre behavior on the grounds of the Coastline Bible Church, 426 S. Mills Rd.

When the first officer arrived on scene the subject, later identified as Ruben Gonzales, fled from the officer on foot. Additional officers responded to the scene and contacted Gonzales on the corner of Main St. and Mills Rd. Upon being contacted, Gonzales armed himself with a large pair of pruning sheers and made threats to harm himself while holding the sheers to his chest.

Officers, specifically trained in crisis intervention, made several attempts to persuade Gonzales not to harm himself and drop the pruning sheers, but he refused. Fearing for the safety of the nearby public, officers deployed less-lethal tactics, which caused Gonzales to drop the sheers and attempt to flee again on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, he was taken into custody without further incident. Gonzales was not injured during the incident.

Gonzales was found to have outstanding warrants. He was transported and booked into the Ventura County Jail.

No officers or citizens were injured as a result of the incident.