

Vehicle Burglary -- Fraudulent Use of Credit Card -- Possession of Methamphetamine -- With Arrest

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Incident: Vehicle Burglary -- Fraudulent Use of Credit Card -- Possession of Methamphetamine -- With Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Target Store: 245 S. Mills Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: January 30, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol

Suspect(s): Frank Palafox 50 yrs. Ventura Resident

Report #: 14-01274 and 14-01280

Narrative:

On January 30, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a burglary to a vehicle in a city parking lot near Howard St and San Nicholas St. Responding officers found that a window was smashed out of the victim's vehicle and several items were taken from inside, including the victim's credit card.

The victim promptly contacted her credit card company and learned that the card had been used at two stores within the Pacific View Mall since the time of the burglary. Officers responded to the mall and located the suspect, Palafox, inside of the Target Store. Further investigation revealed that Palafox used the victim's credit card to purchase items at that location. Palafox was placed under arrest for the vehicle burglary and for fraudulently using the victim's credit card. After placing Palafox under arrest, officers found him to be in possession of Methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and burglary tools.

At the time of arrest, Palafox was still in possession of several items that were taken from the victim's vehicle. Those items were recovered and returned to the victim.