



Date: 08/29/2018

Case # 18-2248

Location: 100 West Westward Avenue (Banning High School)

Incident: Assault on a Police Officer

UPDATE:

On Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 1245 hours, the person of interest in this case that was identified with the red sweater and dreadlocks arrived at the Banning Police Department. The individual was confirmed to be the same subject detectives wanted to speak to. The male subject was completely cooperative with detectives and was able to provide additional evidence in the case. After speaking with the individual and viewing additional video footage, it was discovered he was assisting school staff in apprehending the suspect in the case. The individual was released without further incident.

The Banning Police Department asks for the public's help with any additional video footage they may have. The Banning Police Department is in possession of several videos; however, due to the quality of the videos, it has made it difficult to get a clear video of the whole event. We encourage individuals that have video of this incident to please contact the Banning Police Department.

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE:

On Friday, August 24, 2018, at 2245 hours, The Banning Police Department's School Resource Officer was working at the Banning High School's Football Game, located at 100 West Westward Avenue in the City of Banning. The officer was contacted by school security regarding a disturbance between several patrons attending the game. One of the patrons, whose name will not be released due to him being a seventeen year old minor, was identified as the instigator of the disturbance. School staff wanted the patron removed from the facility because of the disturbance he was creating. Once the officer made contact with the patron, he immediately disregarded the officer's commands to leave. Due to the fact the patron would not cooperate, the officer attempted to arrest the patron. As the officer attempted to place the patron under arrest, the patron resisted and grabbed the officer from around his waist and threw the officer to the ground, where the officer sustained serious injuries.

Several witnesses came to the aid of the officer and school staff was able to detain the patron who assaulted the officer. Several officers from the Banning Police Department arrived a short time later and the patron was placed under arrest. The injured officer was transported by

ambulance to a local hospital. The officer's injuries were not life threatening. The patron was subsequently transported to the Riverside Juvenile Hall for Assault on a Police Officer with Great Bodily Injury.

Banning Police Department Detective Bureau has taken over the investigation. Detectives were able to obtain video of the assault on the officer. Upon reviewing the video, detectives observed the officer was assaulted by a second male suspect while the officer laid on the ground injured and unable to protect himself. The suspect is seen grabbing the officer by his throat before being removed by witnesses that assisted the officer. The suspect is described as a dark skinned white male or possible light skinned Hispanic male. The suspect was wearing a black long sleeve shirt, however, when the suspect grabbed the officer by his throat, the sleeve of his shirt exposed his bare skin. Detectives can see that the suspect has what appears to be a tattoo on the inside of his right wrist. Detectives are actively attempting to identify the second suspect.

The Banning Police Department asks if anyone witnessed this incident or has additional information, to please contact the Banning Police Department at 951-922-3170.