



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Lewd Acts with a Child Arrest

Location: 1000 Block of Loewe Ln., Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 12/5/18 at 0900Hrs

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Major Crimes Detectives

Suspect(s): Matthew Bonzagni, 42yrs, Ventura Resident

Report #: 18-13492

Narrative:

Approximately 18 years ago, Matthew Bonzagni placed an advertisement in a Ventura comic book shop looking for players to join a team of Dungeons and Dragons that he hosted at his residence, also in Ventura. Bonzagni was 24 years old at the time, and had several people respond to his add, including a 13 year old female. The 13 year old female began playing Dungeons and Dragons at Bonzagni's house and over time, Bonzagni began sexually assaulting her. The sexual assaults continued for over a year.

The victim did not report the crimes until recently, when she contacted the Ventura Police Department. Over the course of the investigation Detectives gathered evidence that corroborated the victim's account of events that took place 18 years ago. On 12/5/18, Detectives arrested Bonzagni near his residence in the 1000 Block of Loewe Ln. Bonzagni was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for 288.5(a) PC – Continuous sexual abuse of a child.

This investigation is ongoing, anyone with additional information is asked to contact Det. Quinn Redeker at (805) 339-4304.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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