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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Unlawful Sex with Minors, Oral Copulation with a Minor under 16 years old, and Sales of Controlled Substances to Minors

Location: Various Locations in the Cities of Ventura and Oxnard

Date/Time Occurred: 5-24-19 through 4-30-20, 2300

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Department Special Victims Unit, Ventura County Sheriffs Office Major Crimes Unit, Ventura County Sheriffs Office Narcotics Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit

Suspect: Abraham J. Almaguer (2-16-97)

Report #: VPD 20-12555
VCSO 20-59449

Narrative:

On 2-20-20, a minor filed a complaint with the Ventura Police Department that she was a victim of unlawful sex with a minor with Almaguer. The victim told Detectives that she knew Almaguer as "Joey Pryer" on Instagram, and he had sold her several controlled substances over several months. In exchange for the controlled substances, the victim had sexual intercourse with Almaguer. During this time frame, the victim was 16 years old. Detectives were able to author several search warrants to identify Almaguer. After reviewing the search warrants, Detectives located several other minors that were potential victims of drug sales and unlawful sexual intercourse.

While the Ventura Police Department was investigating the sexual Assaults and drug sales, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit received a complaint that Almaguer was involved in the sales of controlled substances to minors. Ventura County Sheriff's Office Detectives learned through an investigation that there was evidence to prove Almaguer was involved in Illicit drug sales activity.

On 4-30-20, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office served a two-location search warrant at Almaguer's two residences in Oxnard. As a result of the search warrants, detectives seized 29 Adderall pills, approximately 314 grams of suspected psilocybin mushrooms, approximately 27 pounds of marijuana, approximately 8 ounces of suspected liquid THC, and numerous other marijuana products. Based on what was found during the search warrant, Almaguer was arrested for violation of Health and Safety Code 11378, HS 11379(a), and HS 11353. Almaguer was released on zero bail.

On 5-11-20, Ventura Police Detectives contacted another minor who was seen communicating with Almaguer on Instagram. This victim told Detectives that on 5-24-19, she went over to Almaguer's residence,

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where he supplied her with controlled substances, had unlawful sexual intercourse and oral copulation with her. During this incident, the victim was 14 years old.

As a result of the Ventura Police Departments' investigation, an arrest warrant was filed for the arrest of Almaguer for the violations of Penal Code 261 .5(c), PC 261 .5(d), and PC 287(b)(2) PC. On 5-28-20, the Ventura County Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit and Narcotics Unit arrested Almaguer at his West Cedar Street residence without indecent. Almaguer's Bail was increased and set at \$1,000,000.

These investigations are ongoing, and if you have any information reference these crimes, please contact Sergeant Kenny Welch Ventura Police Department Special Victims Unit at 805-339-4472, Sergeant Hector Macias Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit at 805-384-4730 or Detective Corey Stump Ventura County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit at 805-384-4749.

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