



NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident: Child Crime Arrest

Location: Undisclosed Ventura Location

Date/Time Occurred: 12-14-21 1500 hrs

Officer(s) Involved: Special Victims Unit

Suspect(s): James Duran II, (5-25-91), Ventura Resident

Report #: 21-82344

Narrative:

On November 11th, 2021, the Ventura Police Department's Special Victim's Unit received a referral from Children and Family Services regarding a sexual abuse allegation of a 14-year-old girl. The victim is now 21 years old.

Detectives began an investigation into the allegation of sexual abuse of a child by the suspect who was a youth pastor at The River Community Church in Ventura.

During the investigation it was revealed that over a two-year period the suspect would take the victim to various locations to engage in various sexual activities. Some of the sexual encounters occurred while she was attending River Church activities.

The victim developed feelings for the suspect and never reported the events until recently. Detectives were able to corroborate the victim's account of the interactions.

On 12-14-21, the suspect was arrested while he was attempting to meet the victim at her residence.

He was subsequently booked into Ventura County Jail for two counts of felony oral copulation of a minor by an adult.

It is believed that there may be additional victims and the Ventura Police Department is asking anyone with information about these crimes or other crimes committed by the suspect to contact Detective Quiroz at 339-4413.

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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