

08/04/2015



Incident: Child Sexual Abuse Arrest

Location: 200 Block of E. Main St.,Ventura

Date/Time Occurred:8-4-15 / 8:10am

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Officers and Detectives

Victim(s): Juvenile Male, Age 6 (Name Withheld)

Suspect(s): Jose Morales (aka "Don Pepe"), 55 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 14-15455

On 12-7-14, Ventura Police Dispatch received a report of lewd conduct with a child that occurred in the 800 Block of North Ventura Avenue. A juvenile victim reported to a patrol officer that a man who was known to the victim and his family had sexually assaulted him. The victim was playing outside his house when the suspect picked him up and took him into another residence, where the assault occurred. The suspect was known to the victim as, "Don Pepe."

Ventura Police detectives began a follow up investigation and identified the suspect as Jose Morales. Detectives also collected evidence that required extensive laboratory testing. Once the evidence was fully processed, the results further supported the victim's statement.

On 8-4-15, Jose Morales was arrested by Ventura Police Detectives in the 200 Block of E, Main St. and booked at the Ventura County Jail for 288.7(b), Oral Copulation of a child under 10 and 209(b)(1), Kidnapping for the purpose of sexual assault.

The investigation into this crime is ongoing and the Ventura Police Department is seeking to identify other potential victims in this case. Anyone who believes they have been victimized by Jose Morales should contact Det. Edwards of the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4328.