

## Luring and Sexual Assault of a Minor

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**07/01/2015**

**Incident:** Luring and Sexual Assault of a Minor

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

**Location:**4900 Block of Sullivan St

**Date/Time Occurred:**June 30, 2015 at noon

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

**Victim(s):** Male Juvenile, 15 years old, Name Withheld

**Suspect(s):** Heriberto Rivas-Avila, 24 years old, Oxnard Resident

**Report #:** 15-08266

Narrative: On June 20, 2015, a 15-year-old male juvenile came to the Ventura Police Department to report that he had been a victim of a sexual assault and the suspect was still trying to persuade him to meet again. The juvenile reported that in April of 2015, he used a social networking application on his cell phone to communicate with an unknown adult male. He agreed to meet with the adult male in the City of Ventura and the juvenile was sexually assaulted in the male suspect's vehicle.

The juvenile did not speak to the suspect again until the suspect re-contacted him in June of 2015 via the same social networking application. The suspect attempted to persuade the victim to meet again for a sexual encounter and the victim refused. The victim became afraid and reported the incident to his parents and to the Ventura Police Department.

On June 20, 2015, Ventura Police Detectives were able to identify the suspect as Heriberto Rivas-Avila, age 24. Rivas-Avila was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for 288.3(a) PC / Luring a Minor for the purpose of Lewd Conduct, 518 PC / Extortion, and multiple charges related to sexually assaulting a minor.

*The investigation into this crime is ongoing. Anyone who believes they have been victimized by Heriberto Rivas-Avila should contact Det. Sgt. Cain of the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488. The Ventura Police Department would also like to remind parents of the potential dangers of social networking sites and asks that you would closely monitor the activity of your underage children on-line.*