



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

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Nature of Incident: Child Molestation Arrest

Location: 100 Block of Eagle Rock Avenue, Oxnard

Date & Time: January 1993 to December 1993

Unit Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff; Major Crimes Bureau

Description:

On December 15, 2004, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Major Crimes Bureau obtained an arrest warrant for suspect Jack Sobonya for (5) five counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child. Sobonya was in custody at Atascadero State Hospital for an unrelated conviction of child molestation. Sobonya was paroled to Atascadero State Hospital on March 26, 2004 after serving ten years of a 17-year prison sentence.

On December 28, 2004, Sobonya was transported to Ventura County from Atascadero State Mental Hospital to face these charges. Sobonya is currently in custody at the Ventura County Pre-trial Detention Facility on \$1,000,000.00 (one-million dollars) bail awaiting arraignment.

This investigation was initiated on September 3, 2004, by a call of possible found child pornography at a residence at the 100 block of Eagle Rock Avenue, Oxnard. Deputies contacted the resident who said that his bloodhound dog had dug up numerous Polaroid pictures and two videotapes buried in his backyard. The Polaroid pictures depicted a partially nude 3-year old female posing in sexually explicit positions. The resident had only lived at the house for approximately three months at the time.

During their investigation, detectives were able to identify the 3-year-old female in the Polaroid pictures. Detectives sent the videotapes to the Ventura County Sheriff's Photo Lab and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Technical Bureau for processing. Detectives were able to view footage from the videotapes, which showed an adult male engaged in numerous sex acts with the same 3-year old female. Detectives identified the adult male as Jack Sobonya, a prior resident (approximately ten years ago) of the Eagle Rock Avenue address. Detectives determined that the molestation occurred at Sobonya's mother's house at the 400 block of Grand Avenue in the city of Ojai, sometime between January 1993 to December 1993.

Sobonya has been known to frequent, or live in the areas of Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula, and Oxnard. Anyone with information about Sobonya, or anyone who feels they might have been victimized by Sobonya in the past should call the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Major Crimes Bureau at (805) 477-7018.

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