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Media Release: November 6, 2024 Sex Crimes Arrest and Search for Additional Victims

On October 18, 2024, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's detectives arrested 71-year-old Oscar Rodriguez of Santa Cruz for sex-related offenses. In August 2024, detectives were informed of crimes involving a minor that occurred around seven years prior. After conducting a thorough investigation, a warrant was obtained for his arrest. Rodriguez has worked with children as a minister at a local church, therefore detectives are looking into the potential for additional victims.

Rodriguez was arrested on multiple felony charges including 288(C)(1) - Lewd and lascivious acts with a child 14 or 15 years old, 288.3(A) - Contact minor with intent to commit sex acts, 288.4(B) - Arrange to meet with a minor for lewd or lascivious acts.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. If you have any information, we are urging you to contact dispatch at (831) 471-1121.



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