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OC Child Exploitation Task Force Arrests San Clemente Resident for Engaging in Lewd Behavior

Investigators Seek Additional Victims

SANTA ANA, Ca. (May 4, 2017) – Investigators from the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Detail (SVD) and the Orange County Child Exploitation Task Force (OCCETF) on Thursday, May 4, arrested a 50-year-old man on suspicion of sexually assaulting a boy under age 18 and furnishing the minor with marijuana and controlled substances.

In late March 2017, an investigator with the OCSD Special Victims Detail assigned to the Orange County Child Exploitation Task Force was contacted regarding a male juvenile victim who was having inappropriate conversations with a male online.

An investigation was initiated, and on March 24, SVD and OCCETF served a search warrant at the San Clemente residence of 50-year-old Christian Reed.

Reed was arrested and booked into the Orange County Jail on suspicion of five felonies, including furnishing marijuana and controlled substances to a minor and annoying a child under 18. Reed's bail is set at \$50,000, and he is expected to appear in court Friday, May 5.

Investigators believe there may be additional victims. Reed has been a resident of San Clemente for nearly 50 years. Investigators believe he has had inappropriate contact with teenage boys since the 1980s.

Anyone with information regarding additional victims is encouraged to call Orange County Sheriff's Investigator Longnecker at (714) 972-4185 or email slongnecker@ocsd.org.

In addition to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the OCCETF includes investigators from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the FBI, and the Newport Beach Police Department.

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