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OCSD Investigators Arrest Music Teacher on Suspicion of Sexual Assault

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Ca. (Aug. 25, 2017) – Investigators from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Detail (SVD) on Thursday, Aug. 24, arrested a 30-year-old San Juan Capistrano music teacher on suspicion of sexually assaulting a teenage girl.

The suspect worked as an independent music teacher at the Los Rios Rock School and also provides private lessons outside the school.

The victim, a 17-year-old female who was 15 at the time of the alleged assault, recently reported the incident to investigators.

A second female victim also recently came forward alleging inappropriate conduct by the suspect, but no charges have been filed and the investigation continues. The 20-year-old female was 16 at the time of the alleged incident.

Both incidents are believed to have occurred between two and five years ago.

The suspect had worked for the Los Rios Rock School since 2011. He was fired in 2016.

Christian Hernandez, 30, of Rancho Santa Margarita, was booked into the Orange County Jail for sexual assault of a minor. He is due in court Monday, Aug. 28, 2017.

Due to Hernandez's lengthy time working with minors and his potential exposure to numerous youths, SVD investigators believe there may be additional victims. Anyone with additional information or who believes they were a victim is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Detail at (714) 647-7419 or (714)647-7000. Anonymous tips may be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS.

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