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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 20, 2010

Contact: Sgt. Rick Martinez

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Subject: **ARREST OF "MYSPACE" PREDATOR**

Arrestee: **Matthew Martinez Casteneda, age 33, resident of Anaheim**

DESCRIPTION: Male hispanic, 5'11, 180 pounds, thin build, short shaved black hair.
TATTOOS: On his abdomen is "13" / behind left ear is "CF" / Right arm and on his back is "Calle Flores" / Right shoulder is "Romona" / Left shoulder is "MC".
He is missing a front tooth and has a pierced nose and left ear.

Anaheim Police detectives have arrested a 33 year-old man for the rape of a 12 year-old girl he met on the internet site "MySpace". The arrest is the result of an Anaheim Police investigation which originally started as a Santa Ana Police missing persons case. With the assistance and cooperation of personnel from MySpace, police were able to identify and arrest the suspect.

Suspect **Matthew Casteneda** arranged to physically meet with a 12 year-old girl he had met on MySpace. On Wednesday February 17, 2010, the two met up at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. They then took a bus to Anaheim, where they visited two parks. **Casteneda** then took the victim to "Zaby's Motor Lodge" at Harbor Blvd. and Katella Avenue, where he rented a room. At approximately 6:00 PM that afternoon, **Casteneda** raped the 12 year-old girl. Upon completion of the sexual assault, Casteneda then left.

At approximately 6:30 PM, the 12 year-old victim left the room and flagged down a uniformed Anaheim Police Civilian Traffic Controller in the area, saying that she wanted to go home. (The girl did not mention the sexual assault) It was discovered that the 12 year-old female was a reported missing person from the city of Santa Ana. A Santa Ana police officer responded and picked up the girl. Later during the Santa Ana police missing person investigation, it was discovered that she was the victim of a rape which occurred in Anaheim. The case was then turned over to Anaheim Police.

On Friday night February 19, 2010 at about midnight, Anaheim Police investigators located **Matthew Casteneda** at a warehouse in the 2000 block of Placentia Avenue in Costa Mesa. He was arrested and booked in the Anaheim Detention Facility for lewd and lascivious behavior with a child under the age of 14.

Through the assistance of the staff at Zaby's Motor Lodge, we have discovered that Casteneda has frequented that motel on numerous occasions. We believe this subject has victimized other minors. We are asking that anyone who may have been victimized by this man please contact detectives at (714) 765-1958.

Photographs of the subject are located on the next page. They are available for email upon request. Contact Sergeant Rick Martinez at (714) 497-6608.



ZABY'S MOTOR LODGE
400 block of west Katella Avenue
Anaheim

