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NEWS RELEASE

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Date: December 9, 2008

Contact: Sgt. Rick Martinez

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Subject: **SEXUALASSAULT**

Suspect: Alejandro Arias - age 35 - resident of Cypress, California

aka: Alejandro Ariasbecerra, aka Alejandro Becerra Arias

The Anaheim Police Department has been conducting an investigation into allegations that a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), employed by a care facility in Anaheim, has sexually assaulted women in his care. The nursing assistant has been arrested and remains in custody, but detectives are seeking any additional people who may have been victimized by this subject.

A few months ago, an 84 year-old female patient reported that while she was institutionalized at the nursing facility, a male nurse entered her room and touched her breast and forced her to touch his genitals. In July of 2008, a 60 year-old female patient also reported that a male nurse had touched her breasts and genital area, along with attempting to have her touch his genitals. The investigation has revealed that one of these victims was sexually battered sometime in the month of April of 2008, and the other person was victimized in June and July of this year. As a result of the investigation to date, **Alejandro Arias** was arrested on November 24, 2008 and remains in custody at the Orange County Jail.

Mr. Arias has been employed as a CNA for approximately 2 years. He was employed for a care center in the 100 block of south Knott Avenue in Anaheim for a period of time. We believe that he may also have been employed at another (unknown) care facility. We have reason to believe there may be other victims who have not reported their assaults.

Anyone who may have been victimized by this individual, or anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call Detective Omar Adham at (714) 765-1623.

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