



## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Child Molest  
**LOCATION:** N 13<sup>th</sup>. St./ Julian St.  
**VICTIM #1:** Withheld  
**ADDRESS:** Stanislaus County Resident  
**VICTIM #2:** Withheld Juvenile  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident  
**SUSPECT:** Mario Antonio Bautista  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

**CASE NUMBER:** 04-213-0413  
**DATE:** 7-24-04 **TIME:** 7:30PM  
**AGE:** 16  
**AGE:** 14  
**AGE:** 43 12-6-57

### DETAILS:

On 7-31-04, San Jose Police Communications received a call from a law enforcement agency in Stanislaus County reporting a possible child molest incident, which had occurred in San Jose. Preliminary investigation indicated that a 16-year-old girl had visited a small church in San Jose and may have been molested by the "pastor". Sexual Assault Investigators were called and began an investigation, which resulted in the identification of a second victim and the subsequent arrest of Mario Antonio Bautista for sexual assault and child annoyance.

Investigators have learned that the two victims attended an evening mass at the Central Missionario Casa de Oracion on N. 13<sup>th</sup>. St., on Saturday, 7-24-04. After the service the suspect, who is apparently a self-proclaimed pastor at the church, called the two victims and another teenage girl into his office. He had two of the girls wait outside of his office while he took Victim #1 into his office alone. Inside of the office he sexually assaulted victim#1. He then took Victim #2 into his office and after a short conversation, touched her in an inappropriate manner. The third girl was not assaulted.

Victim#1 went home to Stanislaus County and later told her mother what had happened. She also related that a similar incident had occurred with the suspect in October 2002 when she was 14. That incident occurred at the suspect's office in downtown San Jose (he is an immigration lawyer.)

Sexual Assault Investigators have not been able to confirm that the suspect is a pastor, although he does apparently hold services at the church building on N. 13<sup>th</sup>. St. Investigators have learned that he would attend barbecues and camping trips with families from the church. Investigators believe that there may be additional victims in this case who have not yet been identified. They would like to identify any teenage girls that visited the suspect in his office at the church or his immigration law office or any other location within the past two years.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650  
DATE: 8-3-04 TIME: 2:00PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. Scott Cornfield  
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On 7-31-04, the suspect was booked into the Santa Clara County jail for two felony counts of penetration with a foreign object and one misdemeanor count of child annoyance. He has since posted bail.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Detective Robert Dillon from the San Jose Police Dept.'s Child Exploitation Detail/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at 408-277-4102. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

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