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TYPE OF CRIME: Attempted Child Molest/Child Pornography

CASE NUMBER: 05-075-0285

LOCATION: West San Jose

DATE: 3-16-05 **TIME:** 11:50AM

SUSPECT: Banchhor, Prashant

AGE: 37yrs.

ADDRESS: Campbell Resident

DETAILS:

On 3-16-05 at 11:50AM, Detectives from the San Jose Police Department's Child Exploitation Detail/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force arrested Prashant Banchhor of Campbell for attempted child molest, sending harmful material to a minor and enticement of a minor for the purpose of prostitution.

These crimes were committed during the suspect's on-line interaction with an undercover police officer posing as a 12 year-old girl. The suspect began sending email messages to the undercover officer on 3-10-05. For the next few days, the suspect sent sexually explicit email messages and pornographic photos to the detective. The suspect arranged to meet with the minor "victim" for sex in west San Jose.

The suspect arrived at the location and was taken into custody. He was booked into Santa Clara County Jail for one count of attempted child molest, sending harmful material to a minor and enticement of a minor for the purpose of prostitution. Detectives are concerned that there may be additional victims and are encouraging them to come forward. The suspect used the screen name "knp_999@yahoo.com."

BY: Ofc. Gina Tepoorten #3103
DATE: 03-16-05 TIME: 9:00PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. Tom Sims
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Detectives from the San Jose Police Dept's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force are committed to aggressively pursue and investigate any case of attempted exploitation of children over the internet. Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective David Gonzales of the San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force/Child Exploitation Unit at (408) 277-4102. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

Detectives from the San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force are hosting their 2nd Annual Internet Crimes Against Children Conference on June 1 through June 3 2005, at the San Jose Convention Center. Further information on this conference will be forthcoming.

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