



## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Fraud  
**LOCATION:** 1140 Pedro St.

**CASE NUMBER:** 06-322-9706  
**DATE:** 11-18-06 **TIME:** 12:45 PM

**SUSPECT #1:** John Alexander Manrique Salazar **AGE:** 23  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident (Outstanding)

**SUSPECT #2:** Carlos A. Manrique Salazar **AGE:** 34  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident (In Custody)

### DETAILS:

Since 11-18-06, the San Jose Police Department has been conducting a Fraud investigation involving a faith/mystic healer calling himself "Master Alexander." Suspect John Salazar advertised that he could solve a multitude of relationship and personal problems.

In August 2006, one victim called the phone number advertised and made contact with an organization called the Comunidad Esotorica, located at 1140 Pedro St. in San Jose. The victim related problems she was having with her infant daughter. Suspect John Salazar told the victim her daughter had been cursed and needed to be saved. The suspect advised the only way to save her daughter was to pay him money to save her life. The victim gave the suspect more than \$10K over a month long treatment.

A subsequent investigation revealed a second suspect, Carlos Salazar, and hundreds of additional victims who paid thousands of dollars for treatment. Detective Manuel Jurado submitted the case to the Santa Clara County District Attorneys Office. The suspects were charged with 5 counts of Grand Theft and 1 count of Attempted Grand Theft, and arrest warrants were issued.

Suspect Carlos Salazar was arrested in Houston TX, after returning on an international flight from Colombia. Suspect John Salazar is still outstanding and has a \$100K arrest warrant for his arrest. Suspect John Salazar could still be working as a faith healer in the Bay Area.

Investigators are encouraging anyone with information on this case or Suspect John Salazar's whereabouts to contact Detective Manuel Jurado of the San Jose Police Department Financial Crimes Investigation/Fraud Unit at 408-277-4521. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia #2936  
DATE: 05-29-07 TIME: 9:00 AM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. Ken Tanaka  
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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO