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TYPE OF CRIME: Unlawful Sex Crimes w/Minor
LOCATION: Joseph Avenue, San Jose

CASE NUMBER: 06-358-0537
DATE: 12-24-06 **TIME:**

SUSPECT: Valentino Angel SEDILLO
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

AGE: 39 years (DOB 2-8-68)

DETAILS:

On December 24, 2006 Valentino Sedillo was arrested by San Jose Police Officers after allegedly sexually molesting a fifteen-year-old neighbor. The investigation revealed evidence that Sedillo's home was the center of activity for a group of neighborhood teens, and where Sedillo reportedly gave the teens alcohol. Officers discovered Sedillo's home had been equipped with concealed video surveillance and recording equipment which monitored the interior of his home. Sedillo has served as a Sunday school teacher at the Foxworthy Baptist Church in San Jose, where he had befriended the victim in this case.

Investigators also learned that Sedillo had been the subject of a 1991 investigation into an allegation he had sexually molested a four- to six-year-old boy. Sedillo told officers he had befriended the victim and the boy's family at an un-named Baptist church, but refused to identify the family during that investigation. That victim was never identified and Sedillo was not prosecuted in that case.

Investigation also revealed that in 2000, Sedillo had approached a family who attended the Foxworthy Baptist Church, and admitted having "inappropriate feelings" for one of their children. That child was reportedly a student in Sedillo's Sunday school class. This information was not reported to authorities, and Sedillo continued to teach Sunday school at the church.

Sedillo has been a member of the church since 1993 and until May, 2006, taught Sunday school for several years. He reportedly has also spent time working with high-risk boys in the neighborhood, who were not necessarily associated with the church.

Investigators are interested in identifying the victim in the 1991 case, as well as others who might have information relevant to these cases. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Detective Rea Pifferini at (408) 277-4102. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

BY: Sgt. Nick Muyo #2086
DATE: 5-29-07

TIME: 10:00AM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. M. McIninch

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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES NO**