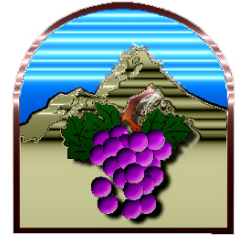


NEWS RELEASE



City of Rancho Cucamonga Police Department



Date/Time of Occurrence: Tues, January 20th, 2009 / 3:30 pm.

Crime:

PC 288.3(a)(1) Arranging a Meeting with a Minor for Purpose of Lewd Behavior

PC 288.3(2)(b) Arrive at the Arranged Meeting Place for Lascivious Behavior with Minor

PC 288(c)(1) Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Minor

PC 647.6 Annoy or Molest a Child

PC 674(a) Lewd Act in a Public Place

Location: Windrows Park, Rancho Cucamonga

Suspect: Valiant Leonid Phipps, 42 years of age a resident of San Bernardino



SUMMARY

On Tuesday, January 20th, 2009, at approximately 3:30 p.m., deputies from the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department responded to Windrows Park following a report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival, deputies were advised that a male adult, later identified as the suspect, Valiant Phipps was seen entering a public bathroom with a male juvenile. Deputies found both subjects in the same bathroom stall together. Through investigation, it was determined Phipps had met the juvenile on an on-line chat room and arranged to meet at the park. Both parties engaged in sexual activity in the bathroom stall. The suspect was arrested, transported and booked into the West Valley Detention Center where he is being held in lieu of \$150,000.00 bail.

Detectives believe that the suspect may have been engaged in this behavior before and are asking for the public's assistance. Anyone with information regarding the suspect and possible contact with a juvenile is urged to contact Detective Jesse Venegas or Detective Matt Griffith of the Rancho Cucamonga Police Station at (909) 477-2800. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Information can also be left on the We-Tip website at www.wetip.com.

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