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PRESS RELEASE

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Suspect Arrested for Numerous Sex Crimes

Pacifica, CA- On July 28, 2016 at approximately 10:15am, an on-going investigation by the Pacifica Police Department culminated in the arrest of Joseph Courtney, a 31 year-old male resident of Pacifica on a \$2,000,000 felony warrant.

The investigation by the Pacifica Police Department revealed that Joseph Courtney had an extensive history of criminal sexual behavior. Investigators found that Courtney often used websites and smartphone "apps" to contact his victims. Courtney also had contact with minor males for the purpose of engaging in sexual intercourse. The sex acts perpetrated by Courtney often involved narcotics including GHB which is commonly referred to as the "date rape" drug.

Courtney was booked into the San Mateo County Jail in Redwood City on multiple charges of sodomy of an unconscious victim, sodomy of a drugged victim, sodomy with force, sodomy in concert with another by force, oral copulation with force, robbery, and possession of child pornography

The Pacifica Police Department encourages other victims having any contact with Joseph Courtney regarding his criminal behavior between 2007 and 2016 to come forward and speak to our investigators. People may call (650) 738-7314 and ask for an investigator or use our tip line- (650) 359-4444.

Refer to case number 15-3300

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