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PRESS RELEASE

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Suspect Arrested for Secretly Video Recording Juvenile Victims

On January 22, 2023 at approximately 1:00 PM, Pacifica Police Officers responded to a local clothing store on a report of a male subject that was surreptitiously using his cellular telephone camera to record women and an 11-year-old girl in the changing room. This subject fled the scene prior police arrival, but not before alert community members were able to photograph his vehicle.

Officers obtained a detailed description of the suspect from witnesses and victims, and were able to work with store employees to access the store's security cameras to further the investigation.

Pacifica Police Department Detectives continued the investigation, leading to a suspect, and linking him to a previous similar event in Pacifica and also in San Francisco. A search warrant was obtained for this suspect's home and electronics, which yielded additional evidence. Detectives submitted a case to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office seeking criminal charges and an arrest warrant for this suspect.

On March 7, 2023 at approximately 07:40 AM, Pacifica Police Detectives arrested **Rene Alexander Gonzalez-Lovato**, a 37-year-old male San Francisco resident on three charges of 647(J)(3) PC (Video recording or photographing a subject in a bedroom or bathroom, or other place of privacy without consent). These are misdemeanor charges in the State of California. **Rene Alexander Gonzalez-Lovato** was booked into San Mateo County Jail on the above charges.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or similar incidents you should contact the Pacifica Police Department at 650-738-7314, or may anonymously provide information by calling the silent witness tip line at 650-359-4444. Refer to case number 23-0189.

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