



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Suspected Child Molester Arrested

Detectives Suspect There May be Additional Victims and Request the Public's Assistance

Yesterday, Santa Ana Police Department Family Crimes detectives arrested Russell Lee Engleman, a 46-year-old male, suspected of sexually assaulting and inappropriately photographing a 13-year-old girl over a three-year period. Detectives learned of this case after the victim disclosed the abuse to her mother.

During the course of this investigation, detectives identified an additional 12-year-old victim while searching the suspect's personal belongings. Engleman was booked into the Santa Ana Jail for lewd acts on a child, continuous sexual abuse of a child, and sex exploitation of a child. Engleman is being held on \$100,000 dollars bail.

Given the manner in which Engleman targeted the two identified victims, detectives believe that the suspect may have victimized other young females and are asking for the public's assistance. If anyone has been victimized or knows of someone that was assaulted by Engleman, they are asked to call the Santa Ana Police Department Family Crimes Unit at 714-245-8665.

Available to the media: Interview opportunities with the PIO and photo of the suspect.

For additional information, please contact Cpl. Jose Gonzalez

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