NEWS RELEASE
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Sexual Assault of Juvenile

Date: January 21st, 2014

Crime: PC 207 (b) – Kidnap for Child Molesting
PC 286 (c)(2)(B) – Sodomy
PC 288 (b)(1) – Lewd Act Upon Child under 14 years old
PC 288a(C)(2)(b) – Oral Copulation under 14 years old

Suspect: Lee Ruiz Ortega, 19 years old, Colton CA

Location: 1600 block of East Washington St., Colton CA

Victim: (1) Doe

Case: 14-00297

Summary:

On January 17th, 2014, at approximately 2300 hours, officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of East Washington regarding a juvenile reporting that they were forced into a residence and sexually assaulted on January 13th, 2014. Detectives were requested to respond and took over the follow up investigation from patrol. Detectives subsequently identified the suspect (Lee Ortega) and the alleged residence where the assault took place.

On January 18th, 2014, at approximately 2100 hours, detectives served a search warrant at the residence of Lee Ortega. Ortega was present at the residence and detained. The location was found be transitional housing for foster youths. Ortega was transported to the Colton Police Department, interviewed, and transferred to the San Bernardino County Jail where he was booked in.

The case was presented to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and on January 21st, 2014, the above listed charges were filed. If anyone has any information regarding this investigation or may be a victim please contact Detective R. Mendez at (909) 370-5020.

Must be approved by the Office of the Chief of Police prior to release
For additional information contact Corporal Ray Mendez, (909) 841-9423