



Huntington Beach Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Communicating with minor and arranging a meeting with minor with the intent of committing lewd or lascivious acts and sex with the minor.	
LOCATION: Huntington Beach, CA	
DATE/TIME OF OCCURANCE: 01-19-10, 1920 hours	CASE NUMBER: 10-001083

SUSPECT INFORMATION

ARRESTED YES NO

SUSPECT # 1 of 1 .

NAME/DOB (OR DESCRIPTION): PRETO, Gabriel Francis, DOB: 06-16-1982.			
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Newport Beach			
CHARGES: ---	1) 664/288 (A) PC	2) 288.3(A) PC	3) 647 (B) PC
4) 288.4(B) PC			
BOOKED AT: --- HBPJ Jail			

DETAILS: Detectives, posing on Craigslist.com as a 13 year old girl, were sent lewd communications by Gabriel PRETO, a 27 year old resident of Newport Beach. Over a period of approximately five days, detectives communicated with PRETO via email and text messages. PRETO was told numerous times that the female was 13 years old as he continued to try and forge a sexual relationship with the minor. PRETO made arrangements to meet the 13 year old with the intent of paying her to have sex with him.

PRETO was arrested and booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail for charges of Prostitution, Communicating with a minor with intent to commit a lewd act, Arranging to meet to conduct a lewd act and Attempting to conduct a lewd act with a minor.

The specific location of the arrest and other details are not being released as this is an ongoing investigation.

On December 22, 2009, Huntington Beach detectives made an arrest of Venson VILLAPANDO, a 25 year old resident of Brea who was soliciting to have sex with a 13 year old female he found on Craigslist.com. In that case, it was also detectives posing as the child. He was also booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail.