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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: 5/12/2010 **Time:** 4:30 pm **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

Type of Incident: Attempted Lewd Conduct with a Minor

Location: Huntington Beach, CA

Date/Time of Occurrence: 5-11-2010 at 8:00pm

Case Number: 10-007767

Details:

Arrested: Howard Houchen WANG, a 38 year old resident of Mission Viejo

Charges: PC 664/288 (A), 288.3(A), 664/288A(C)(1), 288.4(B), 288.2(B)

Detectives, posing on Craigslist.com as a 13 year old girl, were sent lewd internet communications by Howard WANG, a 38 year old resident of Mission Viejo. WANG also sent lewd images of himself to the minor. WANG was told numerous times that the female was 13 years old as he continued to try to forge a sexual relationship with the minor. WANG made arrangements to meet the 13 year old with the intent of paying her to have sex with him.

WANG then drove his vehicle from his residence to Huntington Beach where he was arrested and booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail for charges of Communicating with a minor with intent to commit a lewd act, Attempt Oral Copulation with a minor, Sending Harmful material to minor, 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.

This is the fourth arrest made by Huntington Beach detectives over the past five months for subjects soliciting to have sex with a 13 year old female found on Craigslist.com. In all these cases, detectives were posing as the child. All these subjects were arrested and booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail.

The Huntington Beach Police Department encourages parents to routinely monitor their child's internet activity. Children and adolescents may be deceived and unknowingly establish a relationship with subjects whose intentions are to engage in a criminal sexual act.