



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

**Release Date:** March 5, 2011      **Time:** 8:00 pm      **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

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**Type of Incident:** Arrest of suspicious male contacting children

**Location:** Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** March 5, 2011 at 4:15 pm      **Case Number:** 11-003577

### **Details:**

On March 5, 2011, at about 4:15 pm, an alert citizen called the Huntington Beach Police Department to report a suspicious male near Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway. The male had a parrot with him and was trying to get children to play with the parrot. He was calling the pet parrot "Mango".

Police officers contacted the male and through their investigation determined he was a registered sex offender. The police officers called his probation officer and based on his activity had his probation violated. The police officers arrested Michael Joseph DeSilva, 65, Newport Beach. He was booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department city jail.

At the time the police officers contacted Michael DeSilva he was not making contact with any children. However, witnesses described several incidents of him talking to children prior to the police officers arriving and encouraging the children to play with the parrot.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is requesting anyone who may have direct knowledge of this subject making contact with children, or attempting to contact children, to call the Huntington Beach Police Department at 714-960-8825.