



Tulare Police Department

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News Release

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Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

Resides:

Edward Danny Lopez

44

1/20/2017

Tulare Ca.

Charges:

- 1) Lewd & lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age
- 2) Sodomy
- 3) Contact with a minor with intent to commit sexual offense
- 4) Obstruction of Justice

*****The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed*****

Tulare, Ca: On Friday, January 20, 2017 at approximately 2:37 a.m. Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of N. Gem Street in Tulare after a 9-1-1 call was received from an adult female who reported she found 44 year old Edward Danny Lopez nude with her minor child. Prior to officers' arrival, S) Edward Lopez fled out of the residence to evade capture.

Officers arrived and secured a perimeter of the area. During the search, S) Edward Lopez was apprehended by a police canine and S) Lopez was taken via ambulance to a local area hospital for emergency treatment. S) Edward Lopez was released and later booked into the Tulare County Main Jail on charges of: Lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years; Sodomy; Contact with a minor with intent to commit sexual offense and Obstruction of Justice.

Due to the sensitive nature of the crime, the child's name; gender or the relationship will not be released. Detectives are still conducting additional follow up to identify any other possible victims.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
- During non-business hours or on weekends at (559) 685-3454;
- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

Contact *Us*

Emergency: 9-1-1

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