



Tulare Police Department

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District Teacher arrested for sexual abuse

Thursday, March 16, 2017

SUSPECT:

AGE:

CITY:

Juan Javier Sanchez

44

Delano Ca



CHARGES:

- 1) Forcible acts of Sexual penetration: Committed against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future. (7-counts).
- 2) Sexual battery on school property. (7-counts).

Bail has been set at \$1,050,000.00

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 Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at approximately 3:00p.m. Tulare Police Department received a call from the Tulare Joint High School District Office in regards to a possible molestation case. Information provided was that a District teacher at Tulare Union High School was having inappropriate relations with a student, prompting the call to the Tulare Police Department for further investigation.

During this investigation, the District Teacher was identified as 44 year old Juan Javier Sanchez of Delano. Mr. Sanchez has been a Spanish instructor at Tulare Union High School for the past seven years. The investigation also identified the confidential victim as a student at Tulare Union High School and the sexual acts committed by Sanchez occurred on campus during school hours.

On Thursday, March 16, 2017 at approximately 8:31 a.m. Sanchez was arrested at the Tulare Joint High School District Office in Tulare and brought back to the Tulare Police Department. Sanchez was later transported and booked into the Tulare County Main Jail.

Due to the severity and sensitivity of this case, the name, gender and age of the victim will not be released. I have no further information to provide.

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>

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