




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Long Beach Resident Arrested for Child Luring via Internet Chat

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Fernando Ruiz Llamas was arrested on Friday in the city of Ventura for arranging to meet a child for the purposes of committing sexual acts. Llamas, a 40-year-old Long Beach resident, was contacted in the parking lot of the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Ventura where he was taken into custody without incident.

Llamas was booked into Ventura County jail for charges including felony child luring (288.4(b) PC) and sending harmful matter to a child (288.2(a) PC). The investigation into Llamas was led by investigators from the Ventura County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation who are assigned to the Ventura County branch of the Southern California High Tech Task Force.

Anyone with information regarding any other underaged victims that may have encountered Llamas is encouraged to contact District Attorney Investigator Terrance Dobrosky at (805) 383-4789 or via email at Terry.Dobrosky@Ventura.org.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office reminds the public to be diligent in supervising their children's activity online to ensure they are protected and safe. If anyone has information

regarding the possible online exploitation of a child, they are encouraged to contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com or their local police department. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura County Human Trafficking Enforcement Team for their assistance with this investigation.

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