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Victim identified sexual predator with Megan's Law site

Internet database and GPS monitoring data lead to arrest of registered sex offender

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police arrested a registered sex offender Friday after he approached a 15-year-old girl near her home. Her family helped identify the suspect by using the state Megan's Law sex offender online database and the girl's story was corroborated by the suspect's court-ordered GPS ankle bracelet monitoring system.

John Dee Edward EVERAGE, 31, is registered as a high-risk sex offender. On Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at about 10:30 a.m., near the intersection of Campbell and Crest avenues, Everage drove up beside the girl on her way to school and asked her to get in his car. When she refused, he persisted, and even pulled his car into a nearby driveway to continue propositioning the girl.



The girl reported the incident to her parents and police but there was little to go on. On Friday, May 2, one of the mother's co-workers recommended a look at the state's Megan's law web site: <http://meganslaw.ca.gov/> -- a database of registered sex offenders living in California communities. Entering their locality, the victim located the name and photo of the suspect and reported what they found to police.

Coordinating with the Riverside County SAFE (Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement) Team and Parole, Riverside Police discovered that Everage had a GPS ankle bracelet, monitored by California State Parole agents. Data on the monitoring system corroborated the girl's story about the suspect's location and actions at the time of the incident she reported.

Riverside Police Sexual Assault/Child Abuse (SACA) Unit detectives arrested Everage later that day at his construction site workplace in Chino, for parole violation and attempted kidnapping for the purpose of sexual assault. He was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to contact Detective Linda Byerly (951) 353-7120.

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