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SEX REGISTRANT ARRESTED FOR PROCUREMENT OF A CHILD FOR LEWD & LASCIVIOUS ACTS

Riverside, CA – On July 7, 2018, at approximately 3:06 a.m., the Riverside Police Department received a call from the business, Romantix, located in the 3900 block of Market Street in the Downtown neighborhood, regarding possible child prostitution occurring. The employees reported a female juvenile victim was at the store with an adult male suspect soliciting other customers for possible prostitution services. Officers responded to the store but were unable to locate the victim or suspect.

Detectives assigned to the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit were later notified and began conducting follow-up investigation. They identified the female victim and learned she had recently returned to her parents after running away from home.

Detectives also learned she had been in the company of John Titow, a 59-year-old transient from Riverside. While the victim was with Titow, she engaged in prostitution services. The suspect had a prior arrest and conviction for lewd and lascivious acts with a child and ordered to register as a sex offender.



On August 2, 2018, John Titow was contacted at the Riverside Police Department's Magnolia Station, placed under arrest, and later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center. The Riverside County District Attorney's Office has since filed charges on him for "Procurement of a Child Under 16 for Lewd and Lascivious Acts," or 266(j) P.C., and "Supervising or Aiding a Prostitute," or 653.23(a)(1) P.C.

Detectives believe there may be additional victims who have not yet come forward. If anyone has information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective L. Blaszak at (951) 353-7205.

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