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### **Sexual Assault Arrest**

On September 23, 2021, the Monterey Police Department was notified by another law enforcement agency that a sexual assault occurred in the City of Monterey. The teen-aged juvenile victim reported meeting two suspects through an online social media platform. The victim and suspects eventually met in the City of Monterey and the suspects sexually assaulted the juvenile.

Monterey Police detectives began the investigation and identified the suspect as John Wright, 55, of Monterey. Wright is a sex offender registrant who was living in the 600 block of Lighthouse in Monterey, but failed to register with the department as a sex offender. Per the California Megan's Law Website, Wright was convicted in 1985 for Penal Code 288(a) – Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 Years Old.

Detectives identified the second suspect as Orlando Aquino, 20, of San Francisco, who was also involved in the sexual assault of the juvenile.

On September 29, 2021 at approximately 0915 hours, Monterey Police detectives served a search warrant in the 600 block of Lighthouse in Monterey. Detectives arrested Wright and charged him with the following Penal Code violations: 290.018(b) – Failing to Register as a Sex Offender, 286(b)(1) – Sodomy with an individual under 18 years old, 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy, 272 – Neglect of a Child, 287(b)(1) Oral Copulation with an individual under 18 years old, and 273a(a) – Child Endangerment.

Detectives requested a bail enhancement and Wright's bail was set at \$1.5 million. Wright was booked at the Monterey County Jail on the above charges.

Detectives contacted and arrested Aquino in Daly City, California. Aquino was booked at the Monterey County Jail on the following Penal Code violations: 286(b)(1) – Sodomy with an individual under 18 years old, 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy, 272 – Neglect of Child, 287(b)(1) Oral Copulation with an individual under 18 years old, and 273a(a) – Child Endangerment. Aquino's bail was set at \$100,000.

This investigation is ongoing and detectives believe there may be additional victims. If you have any information regarding this case or any criminal activity involving John Wright or Orlando Aquino, please contact Detective Michael Garcia at (831) 646-3812.

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