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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Occurrence Date: December 27, 2022

**INCIDENT: Child Molestation Suspect Arrested**

Ontario, CA – Ontario Police Officers have arrested Philbert Hernandez, a 72-year-old male, in connection with numerous child molestations spanning several decades.

On May 23, 2022, the Ontario Police Department investigated Hernandez as the named suspect in several child molestation cases that occurred at multiple residences in the City of Ontario. This initial investigation led to the identification of additional victims and incidents.

At the time of the assaults, Hernandez was employed as a photographer for numerous photography firms across southern California. These firms were contracted by schools throughout his years of employment and he was the assigned photographer.

Detectives obtained a felony arrest warrant for Hernandez. He was arrested without incident on December 27, 2022, and is in custody at West Valley Detention Center on child sexual abuse charges.

Anyone with information or any additional victims are asked to call Detective Graeme Awde at (909) 408-1166, Detective Albert Alvarado at (909) 408-1607, or the Ontario Police Department at (909) 986-6711.

Information can also be reported anonymously by calling WE-TIP at (800)78-CRIME or online at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com)

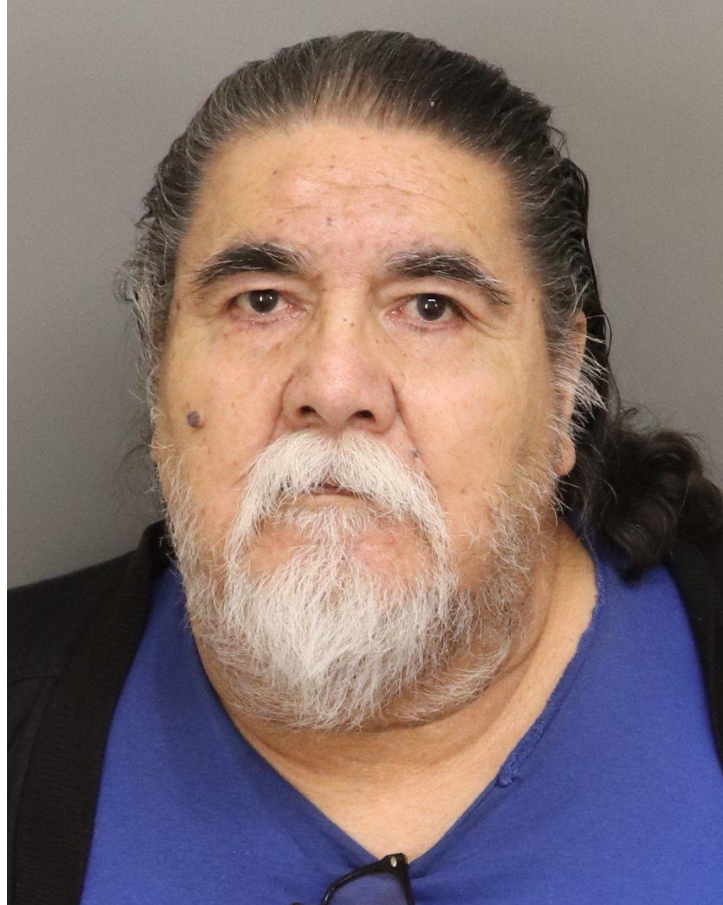


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