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76-YEAR-OLD MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES

On Saturday November 3, 2012, 76-year-old Tito Callanta was arrested for lewd and lascivious acts with children. The alleged victims are girls ages 3 and 5. The incidents occurred in a condominium complex in the 4200 block of Tiberon close to where the suspect lived in the 3400 block of Los Mochis.

The first incident reported to police occurred in the condominium complex in the 4200 block of Tiberon Street on October 21, 2012; in this case, the suspect attempted to molest the 5-year-old girl and she reported the incident to her parents. A 3-year-old victim was located during the course of the investigation who had reported being molested approximately one week earlier than the first victim. In both cases, the suspect reportedly used the two small dogs he was walking to lure the children behind a dumpster in the complex.

The suspect was arrested without incident by police while walking in the area of Tiberon and Thunder Drive. He was booked into the Vista Detention Facility on one count of attempted molestation on the 5-year-old victim, one count of completed molestation on the 3-year-old victim and one count of kidnapping on the same 5-year-old victim based on the circumstances of the event.

Police believe there could be more victims in the area where the incidents occurred. If you have information regarding this case, please contact Detective Joe Ingorvaia at 760 435-4824 during regular business hours and Oceanside Police Dispatch at 760 435-4911after hours and on weekends. The suspect, Tito Callanta, is described as a Filipino male, 76 years, 5’10”, thin build wearing glasses.

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