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Press Release

Police Department

Child Predator Held to Answer on Molestation Charges

DR #140045313

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On July 30, 2014, the Torrance Police Department arrested Matthew Pooley for two counts of 288(a)PC - Lewd Acts with a Child under 14 Years of Age - that had occurred in the City of Torrance in 2014. Pooley has been in custody since his original arrest and is currently being held on a \$300,000 bail.

The Torrance Police Department subsequently learned that Pooley was the subject of an unrelated Ridgecrest Police Department investigation in Kern County for sexual abuse of a female six-year-old. Pooley has now been charged with two additional counts of 288(a) PC for the Ridgecrest incidents.

Prior to his arrest, Pooley was employed by the Torrance YMCA at 2900 Sepulveda Blvd as a youth fitness instructor since approximately 2008.

Pooley grew up in Ridgecrest, CA, but has also lived in Torrance and San Pedro. Pooley has also frequented the state of Texas.

This incident is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Rod Irvine of the Special Operations Bureau. The Torrance Police Department believes Pooley has positioned himself through employment and personal relationships for immediate access to children and is requesting anyone with information possibly related to this case to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.

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