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**Investigators seek additional victims after arrest of suspected sexual predator**

**SANTA ANA, Ca. (Jan. 22, 2024):** Orange County Sheriff's Department investigators are seeking the public's assistance to track down additional victims, witnesses, and information related to a recent arrest of a suspected sexual predator.

On Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, a Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer assigned to the city of Mission Viejo was dispatched to respond to a substation regarding a minor who had been receiving lewd content from an adult male. Investigators from the Special Victims Detail were called and further investigated the minor's contact with the adult male.

The suspect, Arian Fabian Ortega, 23, Santa Ana, arranged through a rideshare company to go to the city of Lake Forest to pick up the minor and take her to his apartment in the city of Santa Ana to have sex. Investigators found Ortega waiting for the minor and arrested him. Ortega was booked into the Orange County Jail on multiple charges related to sexual communication with the intent to seduce a minor for sexual conduct.

Investigators believe there may be additional victims. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 714-647-7000. Anonymous tips can be sent to OC Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227) or at [occrimestoppers.org](http://occrimestoppers.org).

The Sheriff's Department encourages parents to talk with their children about online safety and the importance of reporting inappropriate communication to a trusted adult. Parents should be mindful of the content within their children's cell phones, computers, etc. If a parent believes they need law enforcement assistance, please contact your local police department for support.



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