



I. **DATE OF PRESS RELEASE:** July 10, 2012

II. **TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Arrests for:

Penal Code 288(a) – Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a minor under the age of 14 years (2 counts)

Penal Code 288(b)(1) – Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a minor under the age of 14 years by force.

III. **FACTUAL INFORMATION:**

On Monday July 2, 2012, Detectives from the Livermore Police Department arrested Elias Muniz in the City of Lodi for three counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a minor, one by force. The arrest stemmed from a sexual assault investigation that occurred in Livermore between 2003 and 2004. Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Muniz and arrested him after locating him in the City of Lodi on July 2, 2012.

Detectives first received this case in June 2012. Based on the investigation, it was learned that Muniz lived in the city of Livermore from 2003 to 2004. During this time, Muniz sexually assaulted a 6 year old male over the course of the one year time period. In 2004, Muniz moved out of the City Livermore. Muniz is currently being investigated in other cities for similar crimes involving additional minors. The victim of this case was an acquaintance of Muniz.

The Livermore Police Department believes there might be additional victims and is asking parents to talk to their children if they had contact with Muniz while he lived in Livermore. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4700. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

IV. **LOCATION OF INCIDENT:**

Elias Muniz was arrested in the City of Lodi on 07/02/12. The sexual assaults occurred in the Springtown area during 2003 and 2004.

V. **SUBJECTS ARRESTED/INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION:**

Elias J Muniz, DOB: 12/05/71

VI. **CONTACT PERSON FOR THE PRESS ONLY:** P.I.O. Steve Goard
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