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SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT

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SAN DIEGO MAN ARRESTED IN INTERNET UNDERAGE DECOY CASE

RIVERSIDE – A San Diego man was arrested the morning of Nov. 9, 2011, after coming to Moreno Valley to meet what he believed to be a 13-year-old girl for sex.

Jason Alexander Shupe, 34, was arrested by members of the Riverside County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force. He was arrested on suspicion of communicating with a minor for the purpose of committing a sexual offense, facilitating a minor for the purpose of committing a lewd act and attempted child molestation. Shupe was booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center in Riverside.

In July, SAFE's Sexual Predator Internet Decoy Enforcement for Riverside (SPIDER) unit became aware of inappropriate online activity by Shupe involving what he believed to be a 13-year-old girl. Shupe arranged to meet who he believed to be the underage girl at a Moreno Valley shopping center on Nov. 9, 2011, to then go elsewhere to have sex. When Shupe arrived at the shopping center, he was instead met by SAFE Task Force members and arrested. When arrested, Shupe had condoms in his possession.

The SAFE task Force regularly partners with law enforcement agencies throughout Riverside County in an effort to keep communities safe from sexual predators.

Residents are encouraged to communicate concerns or information regarding sexual predators directly to the SAFE Task Force at (866) SAFE-595. Information and tips regarding Internet safety for children and teens can also be found on the SAFE website, www.rivcosafe.org.

The SAFE Task Force is a collaboration of multi-disciplined law enforcement agencies including the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside County Probation Department, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Department of Justice, and Corona Police Department. Working together in seamless cooperation, SAFE Task Force personnel are focused on reducing incidents of sexual assault countywide by means of comprehensive registered sex offender monitoring and enforcement.

