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El Cerrito Resident Charged with Enticement of a Minor, Arranging to Meet a Minor For Sex and Attempted Lewd Acts with a Child

Martinez, Calif. – On Friday August 3, 2018, John Vinoya, a 46-year-old El Cerrito resident was formally charged by the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office with arranging to meet a minor for sex, enticing a minor online, first-degree burglary and attempted lewd acts with a child. The five felony counts span alleged illicit activities over the course of different days in July.

In late July, Vinoya communicated with an undercover police officer, believing he was talking with a 14-year-old girl, and ultimately made an arrangement to meet that minor for sex at a residence in El Cerrito, California.

On August 2, Vinoya arrived at a residence in El Cerrito to meet a minor for sex and after entering the home, was arrested by El Cerrito Police Detectives and Investigators from the Contra Costa County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Vinoya was booked at the Contra Costa County Detention Facility in Martinez and he is being held on \$325,000 bail.

Vinoya will be arraigned in Richmond at the Contra Costa County Superior Courthouse on Monday, August 6, 2018 in the morning. Vinoya remains in the custody of the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office.

The investigation was conducted by the El Cerrito Police Department with assistance from a multi-agency Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which is managed by the San Jose Police Department. In Contra Costa County, detectives and investigators from the Walnut Creek, Martinez, San Ramon, Concord and Moraga Police Departments, the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office, Contra Costa County Probation Department, Homeland Security Investigations and inspectors from the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office participate in the task force.

Parents are encouraged to discuss online safety with their children, and can visit the website www.kidsmartz.org or our [website](#) for further information.

Case information: People v. Vinoya, Docket Number 02-328114-4

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