



Arroyo Grande Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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POSSIBLE PROSTITUTION INCIDENT

On February 17, 2010, at about 12:00 PM, the Arroyo Grande Police Department received an anonymous telephone call from a male subject reporting possible prostitution activity at the Casa Grande Inn at 850 Oak Park Boulevard. The caller stated that he responded to an "adult services" advertisement on Craigslist that directed him to a room at the Casa Grande Inn. When the caller did not receive the "adult services" that he agreed upon and had paid for, he contacted the Arroyo Grande Police Department with his complaint.

Officers responded to the Inn and contacted the front desk staff who informed them that they were aware of suspicious activity occurring in and around a room. After a female adult and a small male child checked into a room, another female adult and two male adults began going into and out of the same room. All four adult subjects and the child were associated with a vehicle registered to a male residing in Spring Valley, California. The front desk staff described activity in and around the room that was consistent with possible prostitution. The front desk staff had already decided to evict the female adult from the room prior to the officers' arrival.

The officers contacted all four adult subjects and learned that they had all traveled to Arroyo Grande from the San Diego area where they resided in San Diego, Imperial Beach or Spring Valley. The two female subjects were 19 and 20 years of age, while the male subjects were 23 and 24 years of age. The child was 2 years of age. One of the adult male subjects was currently out on bail for a "pimping" charge in San Bernardino County. The vehicle associated with the subjects had a false registration tab affixed to the license plate but was registered to one of the adult males. One of the females closely resembled a photograph in the Craigslist advertisement but denied that she was the individual in the photograph. All the subjects gave conflicting statements and were evasive in responding to the officers' questions.

Although the information provided by the Inn front desk staff and through the officers' investigation was consistent with possible prostitution activity, there was not enough evidence to support an arrest of any of the individuals. They were all given a trespass notice and advised not to return to the Casa Grande Inn. The subjects all left the Casa Grande Inn without further incident. Because the subjects were not arrested, their identities are not being released.

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