



Arroyo Grande Police Department

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OUT OF STATE ARREST

On March 11, 2010, the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court issued an arrest warrant for 43-year old Lionel Meza after an Arroyo Grande Police Department investigation into his alleged sexual activity with a 16-year old female Arroyo Grande resident. Acting on the warrant and information gleaned during a three state investigation, Detectives from the Round Lake Beach Police Department (Illinois) arrested Meza on March 15, 2010, where he currently resides.

The warrant charges Lionel Meza with five counts of oral copulation with a person under 18 and one count of sexual penetration of a person under 18, with full extradition and a bail amount of \$1,000,000.

The investigation involved Meza forming an internet relationship with the juvenile, in late 2007. Meza traveled from Tucson, Arizona to San Luis Obispo County (California) on several occasions where he arranged to meet the victim and where the alleged crimes occurred.

According to the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Warrants Division, Meza will be extradited to San Luis Obispo County by April 3, 2010.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department and the Round Lake Beach Police Departments played an integral role during this investigation.

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