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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN DAYCARE MOLEST INCIDENT

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Child Abuse detectives arrested Hector Herrera, 52, on May 18, 2011, at about 2:30 p.m., for Lewd Acts with a Child under 14 of age.

The victim's family contacted police to report their 4-year-old daughter disclosed she had been molested at the Shining Stars Daycare, located at 3963 Boston Avenue in the Shelltown community. The victim's two older brothers (ages 6 and 8) also reported incidents of "inappropriate touching" by Mr. Herrera, who is the husband of the daycare provider.

Detectives from the Department's Child Abuse Unit proceeded to the daycare, where they contacted and subsequently interviewed Mr. Herrera. He was later arrested and booked into county jail. The daycare has been temporarily closed pending a separate investigation by the Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services, the agency that monitors child care centers.

The investigation into these incidents is continuing and no photograph of Mr. Herrera will be released.

Anyone with information concerning this incident or related incidents is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Child Abuse Unit at (619) 531-2260 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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