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Media Release

Case Number: NPD19-005176

Date/Time: September 17, 2019 at 10:34 hours

Location: 3800 block of Yosemite Street, Napa

Arrested: Samuel James Cereda, 36 years, Napa resident

Charges:

261.5(c) (11 counts) FEL - UNLAWFUL SEX. INTERCOURSE W/MINOR: MORE THAN 3 YRS

261 (A)(2) PC (11 Counts) FEL - RAPE BY FORCE/FEAR/ETC

288 A (c) (2) (6 Counts) FEL - ORAL COPUL. W/PERSON UNDER 14 YR W/FORCE OR FEAR

288 B (6 counts) FEL - LEWD, LASCIVIOUS ACT W/ CHILD UNDER 14 YRS W/ FORCE

288.5 FEL - CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILD

288(a) (10 counts) FEL - LEWD, LASCIVIOUS ACT W/ CHILD UNDER 14 YRS

On September 17, 2019, a juvenile disclosed to their school counselor that Samuel James Cereda, a 36-year old Napa resident, had been sexually abusing the victim for several years. Detectives with the Napa Police Department investigated the incident and identified a second victim. Detectives determined Cereda is known to both victims. We are not identifying any further information about Cereda's relationship with the victims in an effort to protect the victims' identities.

As a result of their investigation, NPD detectives developed probable cause to arrest Cereda for the listed felony crimes.

Last night, just after 8 pm, with the assistance of the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) and the San Francisco Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU), Cereda was located and arrested at his place of employment in San Francisco. He was transported back to the Napa Police Department, where he was interviewed before being booked into Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC). A Detective secured an order from a Judge holding Cereda in custody without bail.

Anyone with information related to this matter should contact Detective Dustin Dodd at DDodd@cityofnapa.org or 707-257-9568.

The public can also submit a confidential web tip at Tip411 or text a tip to Tip411. It is an option that you can use at any time to provide us information without identifying yourself. Anyone with a cell phone can send an anonymous tip to the Napa Police Department by texting the word 707NPD and the tip information to 847411 (tip411). Reference Case #19-5176.

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