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SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT LOCATED AND ARRESTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department's METRO / SWAT Team concluded an investigation into the whereabouts of Elmer Guicharquintero, a 41-year-old male who sexually assaulted a 9-year-old female in late 2015. During the sexual assault, the named suspect violently molested the female juvenile causing injuries and making her fear for her life. Following the crime, the suspect immediately fled Riverside to avoid prosecution for his felonious acts. The METRO Team was assigned to locate and arrest the suspect who was tracked to Maiden, North Carolina.

The METRO Team determined Guicharquintero's whereabouts and notified an allied U.S. Marshals Service Task Force in North Carolina. The U.S. Marshals team quickly deployed to the area where they found and arrested Elmer Guicharquintero on July 20, 2016. The suspect is currently awaiting extradition to Riverside County where he will face criminal charges for the sexual assault, and an investigation by I.C.E. related to his immigration status. Hopefully this arrest will help bring closure for the 9-year-old victim and the family for such a devastating incident.

The Riverside Police Department has several officers and a sergeant assigned to the METRO/SWAT Team that have been deputized as U.S. Marshals. Their primary mission is to provide service to the City of Riverside, but also to give assistance to the U.S. Marshals. The close working relationship between both agencies enhances their



criminal investigative abilities and allows for the quick apprehension of suspects who have fled the city, county or state. The working relationship also helps to quickly locate and arrest criminals who may flee to Riverside after committing crimes in other cities.

