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## **SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Thursday, February 9, 2017, a Riverside Police Department School Resource Officer responded to Liberty Elementary School to investigate a sexual assault allegation made by a student. The student disclosed she was touched by a technology aide in a sexual manner. Detectives from the Sexual Assault - Child Abuse Unit responded to assist in the investigation.

Through their investigation, Detectives discovered additional victims that made similar allegations. On Thursday, February 16, 2017, Detectives served a search warrant at the technology aide's residence in the 5000 block of La Sierra Avenue. Fernando Figueroa, 24-year-old of Riverside, was arrested and later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center on several counts of lewd and lascivious acts on a child under the age of 10 years old.

As soon as allegations were made, Fernando Figueroa was immediately placed on administrative leave by the Riverside Unified School District and restricted from all campuses while the investigation took place.



Fernando Figueroa had access to several children at Liberty Elementary and also with the Boys and Girls club located in city of Redlands, and it is believed there may be additional victims. Anyone with information regarding this investigation should contact Detective Paul Miranda at (951) 353-7945 or [pmiranda@riversideca.gov](mailto:pmiranda@riversideca.gov), or Detective Bercian at (951) 353-7950 or [ebercian@riversideca.gov](mailto:ebercian@riversideca.gov).

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