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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009**  
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### **Child hospitalized after ingesting illicit drug**

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday morning about 6:49A.M., the Riverside Police Department was contacted by the Orange Police Department regarding an 8-month old child who was being admitted into an Orange County hospital for possibly having illicit drugs in his system.

Investigators from the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit responded to Children's Hospital of Orange County and met with police personnel from Orange P.D. as well as the child's parents. Riverside police detectives determined other adults reside in the home with the hospitalized child and his parents. Detectives went to the Riverside home in the 2800 block of Roncador Place, where they contacted and arrested Joseph Salazar, (18) of Riverside. They determined that Salazar possessed illicit drugs while inside the home and dropped or misplaced them, which are still unaccounted for. Salazar was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for Child Abuse.

Investigators believe the child's medical report will show consistency with the lost / misplaced drugs.

Riverside Police advise those persons using or experimenting with drugs to please look at the dangers they are causing themselves and the harm to others as in this case. People looking for help with drug abuse can refer to assistance programs in the local telephone directories.

Anyone with information related to this case can contact Detective Roberta Hopewell at (951)353-7124.

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