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Beverly Hills Police Investigate Child Predator

In October of 2008, a middle school student was approached on the street by a Hispanic male in a pick-up truck who tried to engage her in a conversation. The student ran away and told her parents, but no police report was made at the time. On November 19, 2008, the same student observed the same Hispanic male suspect taking photos of students on the campus of a school in the 200 block of South Elm Drive. Later that same day, the suspect approached another middle school student and tried to lure her into his vehicle. She too was able to run away from the individual.

Two days later, on November 21, 2008, witnesses observed the suspect once again taking photos of students at the same school. When they attempted to contact him, he fled, but not before his license plate number was obtained.

Beverly Hills Police detectives conducted a detailed investigation that led to the arrest of Javier Arturo Guzman, 40, of Venice on February 3, 2009 for PC 647.6 – Annoying a Child Under 18. Information developed at the time of arrest that led to an additional charge of PC 311.11 (a) – Possession of Child Pornography. Mr. Guzman was booked at the Beverly Hills Jail.

On February 4, 2009, the case was presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and they filed one felony count of PC 311.11(a) and two misdemeanor counts of PC 647.6(a) against Mr. Guzman. He was transferred into the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department where he is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

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