



Porterville Police Department Press Release

- Incident:** Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child
Sexual Penetration of a Minor Under 14
- Date/Time:** December 16, 2011 / 5:40 P.M.
- Location(s):** Confidential Address in City of Porterville
- Suspect(s):** Vernon Brown, 42 Years, Porterville resident

Summary:

On December 16, 2011, at approximately 5:40 P.M. Porterville Police Officers were dispatched to a confidential address in the City of Porterville regarding a possible child molestation that occurred earlier in the day.

When officers arrived they contacted the mother of the 5-year-old female victim. She told the officers that today between 12:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. she left her four children in the care of a roommate, identified as 42-year-old Vernon Brown, while she handled some family business. When she returned she found Brown had been drinking so she asked him to leave, which he did. Shortly after Brown's departure the victim told her mother that while she was gone Brown touched her inappropriately.

Detectives were summoned to the scene and assumed the investigation. They spoke to the victim who confirmed Brown had touched her inappropriately and digitally penetrated her. Fortunately, the victim was uninjured and was left in the care of her mother. Detectives canvassed areas Brown is known to frequent, but they were unable to locate him. Detectives broadcasted a "Be On the Lookout" for Brown to all surrounding law enforcement agencies.

On December 17, 2011, at approximately 1:15 P.M. a Visalia Police Officer spotted Brown at the Greyhound Bus depot in Visalia and arrested him without incident. Porterville Police detectives responded to Visalia, interviewed Brown, and later booked him into the Tulare County Jail for lewd and lascivious acts with child and sexual penetration of a minor under 14 years of age. Brown is being held in lieu of \$200,000 bail and this case remains under investigation. The other children in the residence were not believed to have been victimized by Brown.