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Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: 04/07/2014

TYPE OF EVENT: Lewd and lascivious acts with a minor, oral copulation with a minor, Contact a minor with sexual intent, send obscene material of a minor, child exploitation, and possession of obscene material of a minor.

LOCATION: City of Ridgecrest.

SUSPECTS: Randall Dean Klassen (61 YOA)

On 04/06/14, at about 2230 hours, it was reported to Sergeant Dampier that Randall Klassen was in possession of inappropriate photographs of a minor. Detective Merzlak then obtained a search warrant for Klassen's residence, which was executed on 04/07/14. A search of the residence was conducted and Detective Merzlak located an Ipad belonging to Klassen, which contained several obscene photographs of a female juvenile. During the investigation it was discovered that Klassen knew the victim depicted in the photographs and had participated in sexual acts with that person. Klassen was arrested and booked into the Kern County Jail.

PREPARED BY: Det. K. Merzlak