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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date: July 29, 2021 6 pm

Location: El Granada, CA

Type of Crime/Incident: PC 288(a) – Lewd acts with child under 14-year-old
(3 Counts)
H&S 11377(A) – Possession of a controlled substance

Suspect: **Michael Banister – 35 years old**

Summary: On August 2, 2021, Sheriff's Office Detectives started investigating a case involving an 11-year-old child who was sexually assaulted on 3 different occasions by a family friend. He was identified as suspect Michael Banister from El Granada, CA. The sexual assaults took place near his residence while he was babysitting the child.

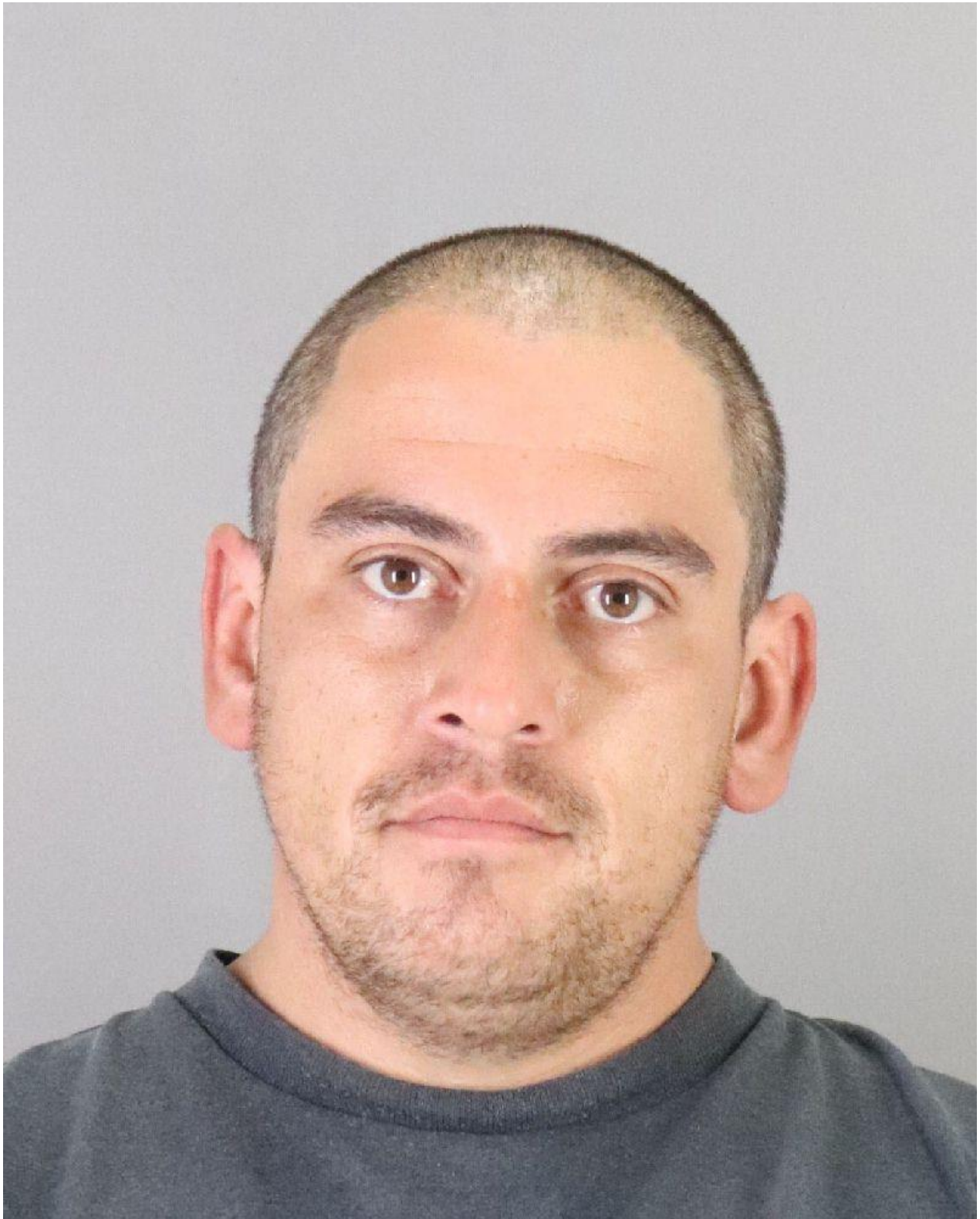
On August 31, 2021, Detectives obtained a \$500,000 arrest warrant for Banister for the above sexual assault charges. Shortly after the warrant was issued, Bannister was placed under arrest by Deputies from the Coastside Patrol Bureau without incident. Banister has a lengthy criminal history from Oregon and had recently moved to El Granada within the past 2 years.

If you have any information about the suspect, please contact Detective J. Fava at 650-363-4192 or email jfava@smcgov.org.

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