

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## 40-Year-Old Male Arrested for Rape of a Child & Distributing Child Pornography

Tacoma, Wash. – On the morning of November 4, 2022, Tacoma Police detectives from the Special Assault Internet Crimes Against Children Unit along with members of the FBI South Sound Child Exploitation & Human Trafficking Taskforce and the Washington State Patrol Missing & Exploited Children Taskforce, served a warrant at a residence in Tacoma.

This joint operation was the result of Tacoma Police detectives' investigation into a priority cyber tip received October 25, 2022, from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children regarding concerns of manufactured child pornography.

The 40-year-male named in the warrant was suspected of raping children, filming the abuse, and distributing the video and images. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was booked into jail for one count of Rape of a Child First Degree, two counts of Child Molestation First Degree, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Commercial Sex Abuse of a Minor, and Possessing and Distributing Child Pornography.

Two juvenile victims have been identified in this case.

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