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<p>BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE</p>

DATE: Nov. 22, 2016 TIME: 3:30pm

INCIDENT: Sexual Assault Investigation

CASE #: 16-47854

LOCATION: Buena Park, CA

DATE/TIME: Reported on 11-16-16, possibly occurred between 2014 and 2016

VICTIM: Female juvenile victims, 14 to 16 yrs of age at the time. No further information released.

SUSPECT: OWENS, Joshua Christopher, male 23-yrs, from La Palma, CA
(booking photo attached)

SUMMARY: The Buena Park Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying any potential additional victims of a high school coach and seasonal lifeguard. Joshua Christopher Owens, 23, of La Palma, was arrested on 11/21/2016 for allegedly performing lewd and lascivious acts on minor-aged victims. Owens was charged with various felony and misdemeanor offenses, and was released from the Buena Park Police Department after posting \$75,000 bail.

Owens was employed as an assistant water polo and swim coach at Kennedy High School (KHS) in La Palma during the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 school years, which was when the alleged crimes occurred. During the past year, Owens was employed as a seasonal lifeguard with the Long Beach Fire Department Marine Safety Division.

Allegations of Owens lewd activity with a student were recently reported to KHS staff and the school notified authorities. During the course of the investigation additional victim(s) were identified. Owens is accused of meeting the student athlete victims through his coaching position at KHS.

Anyone with additional information or who believes they have been a victim is encouraged to contact BPPD Detective Todd Franssen at (714) 562-3963.

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