

FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Juvenile Investigation/Application For Juvenile Court Petition 090023078

Report Date 11/01/2009	Report Time 01:01 AM	Area 1	Zone 2015	Report Type BOOKED
Location of Offense				
Time of Offense 10/30/2009	Date of Offense 03:00 PM	Arrest Location MENDOTA PD STATION		
Parent Guardian Notified By		Date Notified	Time Notified	Date Admonished 10/31/2009 Time Admonished 06:15 PM

SUSPECT

Name/ Address/ Phone CASTRO, RAUL RENATO [REDACTED] MENDOTA CA 93640- [REDACTED]	Employer Name/Address/Phone MENDOTA JR HIGH
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DOB 07/29/1995	Age 14	Race H	Sex M	HGT 5-0	WGT 170	Hair Color BRO	Eye Color BRO	Place of Birth FRESNO
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PERSONS

Father's Name	Address	Phone
Mother's Name CASTRO, ELSA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Guardian's Name	Address	Phone
Victim's Name	Address	Phone
Co-Participants		

I allege that this minor comes within the provisions of Section 300/601/602 of the Welfare Institutions Code of the State of California. The following information is offered in support of this allegation. The undersigned requests that a Juvenile Court Petition be filed on this minor for the offense specified and declares under penalty of perjury that the facts listed below are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This line is to be completed ONLY when requesting a Juvenile Petition. Executed in County of Fresno, CA.

Officer Name: DET SERGIO TOSCANO Arrest Date/Time: 10/30/2009 18:20 Phone: (559) 488-3111  
Officer Signature:

Facts of Offense (Describe elements of crime, how the minor participated, injuries, property loss, dollar value outstanding.)  
On Saturday October 31, 2009 at about 2:30 p.m. Fresno SO Homicide Detective Hector Palma and I were called out to assist Mendota PD on a missing child who was discovered deceased at [REDACTED] Tuft St. in Mendota. We responded to Tuft and Sorensen Streets. We were briefed of the circumstances that lead up to the discovery of the missing child who was identified as [REDACTED] was discovered in a clothes dryer at [REDACTED] Tuft St. [REDACTED] lived at [REDACTED] Tuft across from [REDACTED] Tuft St. There were three people at the Mendota PD Station standing by to be interviewed. One of the people was minor Raul Renato Castro. The other two people were Raul's uncle and his mother Elsa Castro.  
At about 6:25 p.m. before Det. Palma and I interviewed Raul Castro, DOB 7-29-95, I read him his Miranda warnings from a department issued card. Castro understood his warnings and agreed to provide us a statement and answer our questions. The interview was conducted in one of the offices at the station and it was audio recorded. The following is a synopsis of Castro's statement.  
Castro provided us his schedule pertaining to Friday October 30, 2009 and had also said he had last seen the missing child about 2:00 p.m. in front of the victim's apartment. During the course of the interview Castro denied causing any harm to the victim or had anything to do with his disappearance. We told Castro the victim was found in his home and in the clothes dryer which he said he was aware of. We asked Castro what explanation he had to explain how the victim wound up in his home and in the clothes dryer. Castro said maybe someone broke into his home and put the victim in the clothes dryer.

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During the interview it did not appear Castro was being honest. I encouraged Castro it was very important to be honest and to tell the truth. Castro eventually admitted to killing the victim by drowning him in the bathtub in his bathroom. Castro said after the victim was dead he carried the victim over his shoulder and put him in the clothes dryer. Castro said his mom does not use the dryer so he put the victim in the dryer to conceal him.  
Upon further questioning Castro said he had lured the victim into his apartment by telling the victim he had something to show him. The victim went in the apartment and eventually Castro talked the victim into going to the bathroom. Castro said while in the bathroom he had the victim pull his pants and underwear down. Castro proceeded to try and insert his penis in the victim's anus. Castro believed he ejaculated in the victim a little. Castro said afterwards the victim pulled his pants up. Castro said in the process of the victim pulling up his pants the victim tripped over the carpet, fell, and hit the back of his head on the bathtub. Castro said the victim started crying and told Castro he was going to tell his mother. Castro said he panicked and decided to kill the victim by drowning him in the bathtub. Castro turned on the water to the bathtub and filled it up just enough to put the victim's face under water and drowned him. Castro said he held the victim under water about 2-4 minutes. Castro got into the bathtub with the victim, held him down until the victim died. Castro checked the victim's pulse, moved his shoulders, and saw that the victim was dead. Castro then carried the victim over his left shoulder and put him in the clothes dryer to conceal him. Castro said after he killed the victim he took a shower and changed his clothes. The clothes Castro wore during the incident Castro put in the laundry basket located in the bathroom. Castro said he wore a pair of blue jeans, a white T-shirt with skulls on it and white socks. Castro said the victim wore tan pants and a red T-shirt.  
Castro said he hoped the whole ordeal would go away.  
We transported Castro to CRMC, had a suspect sexual assault kit conducted of him. We transported Castro to FSO, completed paperwork, fed Castro dinner and then booked him at Juvenile Justice Campus.

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION BY JUDICIAL OFFICER  
The above arrest without a warrant is/is not supported by probable cause.  Supported  Not Supported  
Signed By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_