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****UPDATE *CHILD ABDUCTION ARREST*UPDATE****
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****The initial press release on this incident was sent on September 28, 2009.****

On Monday, September 14, 2009, the Paso Robles Police Department began an investigation into the circumstances surrounding two juvenile female residents who had been reported as missing persons by their parents. Both girls are 17 years old and will not be identified because of their age.

This investigation revealed that both of the girls had left the state with an adult male acquaintance. That subject has been identified as 24 year old transient Edmund Lamb, also known as Damien Land.

Investigators from the PRPD were able to determine that the trio was travelling east on Interstate 80 through Nevada, so information about the group was provided to law enforcement authorities in both Nevada and Utah.

On Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at approximately 3:00PM local time, a trooper with the Utah Highway Patrol located the group approximately 60 miles east of the Nevada/Utah border. The group was detained, and all of the subjects were positively identified.

Investigation revealed that Lamb had taken steps to avoid detection and enticed the juvenile females to assist him in those efforts.

The two juvenile females were detained by child welfare authorities in Tooele County, Utah, until their parents could respond and pick them up. Lamb was arrested by the Utah Highway Patrol for a variety of charges, including: providing false identification to a police officer, vehicle code violations, and custodial interference (felony).

On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, PRPD investigators were able to obtain an arrest warrant for Lamb charging him with two counts of child abduction (felony).

UPDATE: Lamb was booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail on Tuesday, October 19, 2009 at approximately 2:20AM.

PRPD investigators received invaluable assistance on this investigation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI-Santa Maria Field Office), the SLO County District Attorney's Office, and troopers from both the Nevada and Utah Highway Patrol. //end

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