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Arrest made in sex abuse investigation Detectives concerned there may be more victims

Salem, Ore. — Salem Police detectives have arrested Luis Fernando Del Rio JR, age 35, of Salem after an investigation into allegations of sex abuse identified Del Rio as having victimized four children.

Del Rio was charged with the following:

- Four counts of first-degree sodomy
- Six counts of first-degree sexual abuse

The investigation also determined Del Rio's wife ran a Salem-area childcare business in their home. Since Del Rio had access to many children, detectives are concerned there may be more victims.

Del Rio has used the names *Fernando*, *Freddy* and *Nando*. He has lived in the Salem-Keizer area, McMinnville, Oregon and Twin Falls, Idaho.

Anyone with knowledge of victimization or suspect victimization by Del Rio is encouraged to contact the Salem Police Department Criminal Investigations Section by calling 503-588-6050.

Del Rio was arraigned today, February 19, 2021, at the Marion County Circuit Court Annex, and thus, further inquiries regarding this case should be directed to the <u>Marion County District</u> <u>Attorney's Office</u>.

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