



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Subject: Man arrested on child molestation charges

A Los Angeles man wanted on suspicion of child molestation in Humboldt County extending back to 2017 has been arrested in Southern Humboldt.

On May 17, 2018, at about 3:45 p.m., deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office observed a vehicle associated with Ramey Warrant subject Michael Thomas Franco traveling through Garberville.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle near the 700 block of Redwood Drive and took Franco into custody without incident.

Franco was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on four counts of PC288.7(b) and one count of PC288.5(a). His bail is set at \$1 million.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

