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ARREST OF MENIFEE POLICE OFFICER

Menifee, CA – On July 22, 2025, the Menifee Police Department's Professional Standards Unit received a complaint involving sexual assault allegations against a department officer. The initial report did not identify the officer by name.

Following the receipt of this complaint, a preliminary internal investigation was immediately conducted, during which an employee of the department was identified in connection with the allegations. In order to ensure a fair, thorough, and impartial investigation, the Menifee Police Department requested an independent criminal investigation by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Unit. This request was formally made on July 24, 2025.

During their investigation, Riverside County Sheriff's investigators determined there was sufficient probable cause to support the arrest of Menifee Police Officer Juan Pesina.

On August 12, 2025, at 12:45 p.m., Pesina was arrested and booked at the Cois Byrd Detention Center. He has been placed on administrative leave pending the conclusion of the criminal and administrative investigations.

As this remains an active criminal investigation, all inquiries regarding the case should be directed to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, **Master Investigator Andrade**, Phone: (951) 955-1701, reference case #: MB25-205-0002

The Menifee Police Department remains committed to transparency, accountability, and the highest standards of integrity in law enforcement. We take all allegations of misconduct seriously and will continue to cooperate fully with investigative authorities.

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