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Moraga Police Arrest Sexual Assault Suspect

By Sophie Braccini

Sgt. Brian South and Cpl. Kevin Mooney, with the assistance of the San Bruno Police Department and District Attorney's office who have ample for other victims." According the Missoula Police Department in special training for these kinds of to King, the alleged assaults began Montana, investigated a case of sex- cases. Their support was essential." ual assault that led to the arrest of the suspected perpetrator. The Moraga petrator, 62-year-old Walter Melville, conducted in Lamorinda by the Police Department case began when was charged on Feb. 23 with suspi- Child Abuse Prevention Council are the victim and her mother, who used cion of 13 felonies and the judge important. "Anytime we can help to live in Moraga, reported on Jan. 28 signed a warrant for his arrest. The kids have a voice and become able that a male person related to them had police arrested him in San Bruno to say no, in this area [of sexual been sexually assaulting the now 17- where he now lives, and he was abuse], or drugs and alcohol, and get year-old girl over a period of 10 years booked into the San Mateo County help when they need it, that's fine," in two different states.

"They came to us and we immediately started the investigation," says enough for her courage," says King. acting Moraga Chief of Police Jon "Our society is still plagued with

oraga Police investigators King. "The two Moraga officers collaborated with other police departments, and professionals from the

Jail for the outstanding warrant.

"I can't praise that young girl

such crime. It is very traumatizing and it takes a lot of courage to come forward and report it. She is an exbefore the girl was 7 years old. He King says that the suspected perbelieves that programs such as those

> Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact South at (925) 888-7052.



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Criteria are as follows:

- Must **NOT** be a current elected or paid member of any city council, school board or commission;
- Must be a current Moraga resident;
- Must be someone who has given their time, money or energy to help make Moraga a vibrant community, one where people want to live, work and shop;
- Must be someone who brings the community together and makes us proud to be residents of Moraga.

Please email your nominations@lamorindaweekly.com or send it to Moraga Citizen of the Year nominations, Lamorinda Weekly, PO Box 6133, Moraga CA 94556. The deadline for submitting nominations is Thursday, March 17.

A celebration dinner will be held on Friday, April 29 at the Soda Center at St. Mary's College to honor the winner. The 2016 Moraga Citizen of the Year Award is co-sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, St Mary's College, the Lamorinda Weekly and Kiwanis of Moraga Valley.

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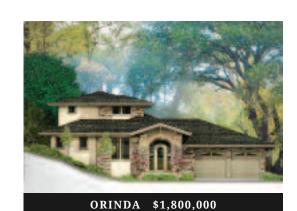
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