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*VENTURA, California* - District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Vidal Vargas Morales (DOB 12/30/1960) has been charged with one felony count of lewd act with a minor 15 years of age in violation of Penal Code section 288(c)(1). Mr. Vargas was arrested by Ventura County Sheriff's detectives on Monday, February 29, 2016, based on allegations arising from his employment at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the city of Fillmore, California.

Mr. Morales was arraigned on March 2, 2016, and entered a plea of not guilty (Case No. 2016007750). The case is set for an Early Disposition Conference on March 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura Superior Court. Mr. Morales faces a maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

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