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**RICHMOND POLICE CASE 2024-2826**

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**(Richmond, California) – Church Volunteer Arrested for Sexual Assault.**

On Friday, June 21, 2024, Miguel Angel Villalobos, 37, was arrested by Richmond Police Department (RPD) Investigators for rape. On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office filed charges of PC 261(a)(2) – Rape (two counts) and 289(a)(1)(a) – Sexual penetration by a foreign object (two counts) against Miguel Angel Villalobos. He remains in custody at Martinez Detention Facility, Contra Costa County Jail.

On March 21, 2024, the Richmond Police Department was contacted by a female victim wishing to report that a volunteer staff member of a local church had sexually assaulted her. This report prompted an in-depth investigation spanning several months that included the great cooperation of the Diocese and its leadership, culminating in the arrest of church volunteer Miguel Angel Villalobos.



**Miguel Angel Villalobos, 37**

The victim reported that while attending music lessons at the St. Cornelius Church in Richmond, she was assaulted by Music Director Miguel Angel Villalobos. The victim reported the abuse began when she was a minor and continued for several years until she was an adult.

Miguel Angel Villalobos has worked at several churches throughout the Bay Area since 2010, including St. Cornelius Church in Richmond, St. Clement Church in Hayward, and most recently, the Queen of all Saints Church in Concord.

Based on information uncovered during this investigation, we believe there may be additional victims who have yet to come forward. We urge anyone who had any inappropriate contact with Miguel Angel Villalobos, or who knows of any such incidents, to immediately contact Detective Terry Thomas at 510-621-1746 or via email at [Terry.Thomas@RichmondPD.net](mailto:Terry.Thomas@RichmondPD.net).