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Subject : **Redondo Beach man arrested for drugging and raping male acquaintance. Police are searching for others who may have been victimized by the suspect.**

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The Redondo Beach Police Department arrested a Redondo Beach man for drugging and raping a male acquaintance in an incident that is alleged to have happened in late September. John Haig Marshall, 53, was arrested near his home on N. Catalina Ave. in Redondo Beach, on Thursday, October 8, 2009. Police served a search warrant at Marshall's home shortly after his arrest, recovering a significant amount of evidence. Police are now searching for possible other victims.

The victim of the latest crime reported the incident to police last month, relating that he had been drugged and sexually assaulted in Marshall's home. The investigation led to Marshall being identified as the suspect in the case. Marshall was arrested by detectives and booked at the Redondo Beach Police Department on charges of rape using an intoxicating substance. After Marshall's arrest on Thursday, October 8, 2009 a search warrant was served at Marshall's residence. Detectives recovered evidence from Marshall's home that corroborated the victim's account of what transpired during the alleged sexual assault. Marshall was released from custody on a $100,000 bail bond.

This incident is not the first time that Marshall has come to the attention of the Redondo Beach Police Department. Marshall served a brief stint as a reserve police officer for the City of Redondo Beach in the early 1980's. Marshalls reserve officer status lasted only nine months, ending with his resignation. Since his resignation in 1981, Marshall has had no connection to the Redondo Beach Police Department. Police have received information on several occasions over the past ten years alleging that Marshall has been involved in drugging and sexually abusing other male victims spanning across the last thirty years. No charges have been filed related to any previous allegations against Marshall.

Police are actively searching for others that may have been victimized by Marshall, despite how long ago any abuse may have occurred. Anyone that feels they may have been victimized by Marshall or can provide information related to this investigation is asked to call Detective Denise Brenner at (310) 379-2477, Ext. 2320.

This press release was prepared by Lt. Joe Hoffman.