



## Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

**Subject :** Redondo Beach Police arrest two females for prostitution during undercover investigations.

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Detectives from the Redondo Beach Police Department's Special Investigations Unit arrested two females, on Wednesday, October 13, for prostitution during an undercover investigation into illicit massage parlors operating in the city. The investigation came as a result of complaints regarding prostitution at several massage businesses. Undercover police officers posing as customers went to four Redondo Beach massage parlors on Wednesday to determine if acts of prostitution were occurring within the businesses. Two of the businesses were found to be involved in prostitution, resulting in the arrest of two employees. A third business was found to be operated by unlicensed personnel.

Detectives arrested Vilma Ramirez, a 33 year old Bell Gardens resident who was employed at Lee's Acupuncture, 1503 Aviation Blvd. Also arrested was Hye Son, a 32 year old Los Angeles resident who was employed at Ocean Acupuncture, 1806 Artesia Blvd. In addition to the arrests, Investigators also found the businesses were in violation of the conditions of their city permits. A massage practitioner and the business manager at Ace Acupressure, 2705 Artesia Blvd. were cited for operating without State or City permits.

The purpose of conducting undercover massage parlor operations is to determine if the businesses are involved in any criminal activity and ensure they are in compliance with State and local ordinances. The persons arrested were all processed at the Redondo Beach Jail and released on their own recognizance. Each case has been forwarded to the Redondo Beach City Prosecutor for review and consideration for the filing of applicable charges.

The Redondo Beach Police Department encourages anyone with information regarding illicit massage businesses in Redondo Beach to contact the Redondo Beach Police Department Special Investigations Unit. Anonymous tips can be called in to (310) 937-6685, emailed to [crimetips@redondo.org](mailto:crimetips@redondo.org) or sent via text message to (310) 339-2362.

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