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PRESS RELEASE

“Stockton Mayor Arrested”

On July 26, 2016, our office received evidence developed from an FBI investigation of Anthony Ray Silva, 41, current mayor of the city of Stockton. As part of that investigation, the FBI executed a search warrant on Silva’s cellular telephone. Pursuant to that warrant, a forensic evaluation was conducted which elicited 23 photographs and four video clips relating to a youth camp later identified as Stockton Silver Lake Camp in Amador County, which took place from August 3, 2015 through August 9, 2015. Mayor Silva annually hosts the camp for economically disadvantaged inner-city children.

In one of the video clips, it appeared that moments after the video began, the phone was set down, darkening the camera lens and thus only containing audio. That clip contains audio of a conversation between participants involved in a strip poker game that occurred in Silva’s bedroom. The conversation between the participants indicated that they were naked. One of the participants was a 16 year old male. The audio of the surreptitious recording clearly indicates that the participants did not want to be recorded. Witnesses also informed FBI agents that Silva provided alcohol to the participants, all of whom were underage, including a minor. Witnesses stated that Silva had supplied alcohol and made it available to a number of underage counselors at camp.

Included in the evidence submitted was a prior incident where Mayor Silva audiotaped a conversation with a Stockton city employee without their consent. Another witness told investigators that Silva has cameras installed in his bedroom and at the Stockton Kid’s Club.

Based upon the evidence submitted, Silva was charged with a felony charge of recording confidential communications and misdemeanor charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, furnishing alcohol to persons under the age of 21, and child endangerment. He was arrested on the charges earlier this morning.

The Amador County District Attorney’s Office and FBI continue to investigate this case. Anyone with information is encouraged to call (209) 223-6444.

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