



# Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

## City of Buellton Police



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## News Release

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### Child Kidnapping Suspect Arrested

**Buellton** – On Wednesday, August 7th, at about 4:45 p.m., Deputies responded to the Albertsons grocery store in Buellton to investigate a report of an incident involving a 2-year-old child. Deputies learned an adult male, later identified as 56-year-old William “Bill” Henderson, had removed a 2-year-old child from inside a shopping cart and started walking toward the exit. The parent of the 2-year-old child stopped the suspect and the suspect released the child before leaving the store. The 2-year-old child and parent were clearly distraught over the incident.

On Tuesday, August 13th, at about 7:15 p.m. Deputies arrested Henderson, the owner of a local transportation business. He was booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail for violations of 207 PC – Kidnapping and 273a(b) PC – Misdemeanor Child Endangerment. Henderson’s bail is set at \$100,000.

Deputies are looking for additional witnesses to the incident on August 7th and they are concerned there might be other incidents involving Henderson that have not been reported to law enforcement. If you are a witness to the incident on August 7th, or have information related to the investigation, you are asked to please call the City of Buellton Sheriff’s Station at 805-686-8150. To leave an anonymous tip, please call 805-681-4171 or go to our website at <https://www.sbsheriff.org/home/anonymous-tip/>.

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