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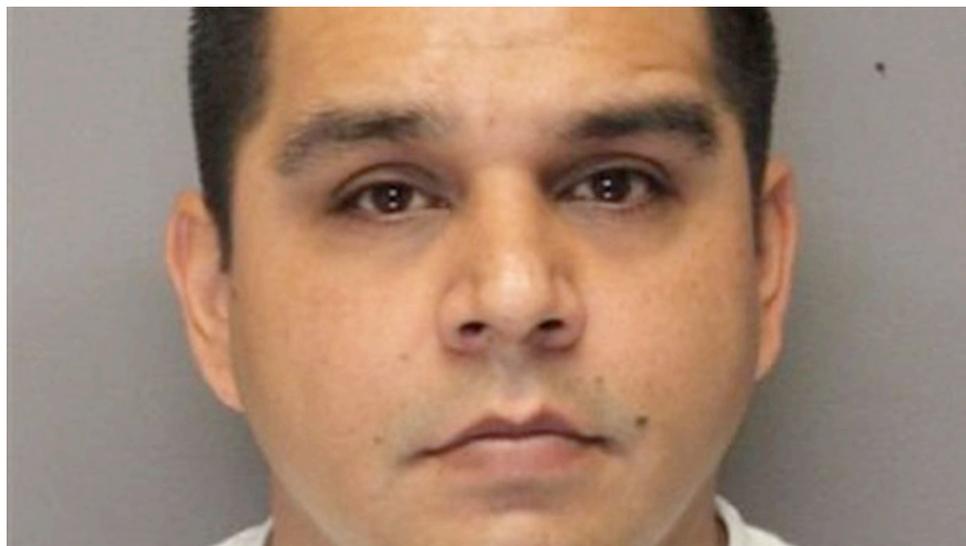
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WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (KCRA) — The indictment against a West Sacramento police officer accused of kidnapping and sexual assault against six women was unsealed on Tuesday.

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Sergio Alvarez, 37, is accused of using his position as an officer to stop and assault his victims -- who range in ages 20 to 47, police said. All of them frequented the West Capitol Avenue area, the release says.

The indictment includes 35 counts of rape, sodomy, oral copulation and kidnapping for crimes that took place in 2011 and 2012.

Alvarez, who is married and a father, is alleged to have assaulted the women after stopping them late at night or early in the morning while on patrol.

The investigation began Sept. 24 after a woman reported to another officer that she had been sexually assaulted by a uniformed policeman.

The victim told officers that Alvarez threatened to arrest her if she did not commit sexual acts.

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In one case, Alvarez is accused of sexually assaulting a victim while committing a residential burglary, according to the indictment.

The probe unearthed five others with similar claims, police said. The Yolo County district attorney convened a grand jury, which indicted Alvarez.

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