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Bakersfield News

Former Kern Co. Sheriff's Deputy Accused Of Sexual Abuse

Mark Petrina Charged With Six Felony Counts

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. -- Five victims have accused Mark Petrina, a former Kern County Sheriff's deputy, of sexually abusing them at his house in Bakersfield. The police have also identified three other victims who say they were also sexually abused, but they wouldn't go on the record.

According to court documents, the eight victims said they were molested over a period of several months, and sometimes years, while they were young, and just beginning puberty. Two of those victims are now adult women, who say Petrina sexually abused them when they were young, more than 30 years ago.

The investigating detective called several of the alleged victims, and each girl told roughly the same story, that Petrina would molest them in his bed, by touching and fondling their private parts. One girl reported she remembered Petrina giving her toys after the molestations were over.

Petrina was recently extradited to Kern County from Aberdeen, Wash. The Bakersfield Police Department said Petrina moved there earlier this year after he became aware of the molestation investigation.

Petrina is now retired, but as a sheriff's deputy court documents show, Petrina was primarily assigned to jail operations. He has been placed on suicide watch while being held in jail.

Petrina has pleaded not guilty to five felony charges of lewd or lascivious acts with a

child under 14 and one felony count of continuous sexual abuse of a child. Those charges stem from the alleged abuse of only three of the listed victims. Petrina is due back in court for his pre-preliminary hearing on June 18. His bail is set at \$270,000.

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Echo 19 Items

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justmom

Schocking

So many years and nobody had known about this? another adult? how could he got so many children in his bed? where were the parents?

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I guess if you have something negative to say, it gets deleted. So, what's the point of having a comment section? Kern County has had it problems in the past with the SAME subject....

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A Father of a baby girl

i think this officer should be put in genral population and let the inmates take care of him, the bad thing here is that those girls can not get back there security not without lots of help anyhow.i think the law inforcement officers who do there job right should be accredited but those bad ones should be treated like any other criminaland beat aup and hell hospitalized.i do wonder where the hell were the parents were because that just goes to show stuff happens when u dont watch who is around ur kids .its sad but there r people who look for prey and if u leave ur lil ones out the wolf will bite.had it been one of my children i would be praying for forgivness for my sin sincerely a Father

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Guest

Hey Father of Baby Girl. Hope you feel the same way if your little girl ever gets accused of some heinous deed. No saying that this guy is innocent or guilty, but lets give him the chance or law allows. This would not be the first time someone was falsely accused of something like this.

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Guest 2

This is to the Guest Comment:

But Sir there were 5 Innocent victims that have accused him , this person lived so close by me I remember him very well and I knew something was up for him to alway buy gifts for these victims and keep them sheltered for many years ... you would not allow you child to do that I'm sure you would be so curios on why he did what he did! I'ts just not RIGHT !!

June 2, 2011, 8:48:46 AM PDT – Flag – Like – Reply



allen westcott

I sure hope we dont see another crooked cop get away with just a slap on the wrist when non law enforcement persons have have recieved as much as life sentences on a guilty verdict from the

accusations of just one victim. and i sure hope fellow officers not retired dont threaten the victims into recanting. dirty cops should pay twice as much retired or not because they are trusted to uphold the law.

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bakobadman

I worked with this pervert and I always thought he was weired! He was assigned to the jail because of his bad attitude and abnormal behavior and no one questioned it! Wow!

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Guest

were you looking in the mirror?

June 17, 2009, 7:12:49 PM PDT – Flag – Like – Reply



CreamPuff

While growing up in the 50's & 60's, Our mother never let us stay over night at friends or family homes. You never really know people until something like this happens. And my kids never did either, keep your kids at home. Parents sometimes are too free in letting their kids sleep over at their friend's or family home.

June 16, 2009, 5:39:34 PM PDT – Flag – Like – Reply



Debby

Do not worry because someone will get to him in jail/prison. Actually, if he is placed in general pop, then the rest of the "PC" inmates would have to go thee also. If we want him treated just like every one of us, then all PC inmates would have to be put in general pop. That is what is wrong with the situation now..."certain" people are treated "certain" ways. We cannot have it both ways; it must be all inmates in general pop or all special needs in PC.

June 16, 2009, 6:26:43 PM PDT – Flag – Like – Reply



Debby

It is suppose to be proven innocent until proven guilty but the idiot that shot my son wrote a letter that included his confession (that he had shot my son for no reason) and he only got 21 years on a plea bargain and only has to serve 18 1/2. Now, did my son get a choice? No...but the confessed KILLER did and people are worried about being fair? There is no "fair" in life. If you think anything in the justice system is fair, please follow every rule you can because you have a rude awakening.

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Nephilim

I love the way almost everybody assumes guilt without knowing anything else just because of the

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