

# Officer Accused of Molesting Relative Goes to Trial

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Trial is scheduled to get under way on Tuesday for an ex- probation officer accused of sexually assaulting an underage female relative in his La Quinta home.

Donald Joseph Monplaisir, 55, faces 47 counts of forcible rape and 12 counts of lewd acts with a minor stemming from alleged contact with a family member -- now in her 30s and identified in court papers as Jane Doe -- beginning more than two decades ago.

Monplaisir was arrested in March 2009, after the alleged victim came forward saying he began performing sex acts on her in 1987, when she was 11 and visited him in New York, according to court papers.

The alleged victim told investigators she eventually moved into Monplaisir's La Quinta home, and he had sex with her several times a week until she was 18.

The alleged sexual abuse ended in 1996, but she said she did not come forward until 2009 because Monplaisir threatened to commit suicide if she did.

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