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□Things just keep looking worse for William Allan

In January the former Minneapolis Parks Police captain was charged with sexually abusing a fifteen-year-old boy from 2007 to 2009. Then prosecutors added child pornography charges to the mix after police found 40,000 pornographic images on hard-drives and DVDs in his home.



Now Hennepin County prosecutors say they have 17 other witnesses ready to testify that they were abused by Jacobs between 1962 and 1980. (Read the court filing here.)

According to the motion, Jacobs touched the boys throughout his career, first as a counselor at Camp Warren in Eveleth and then as a teacher at the Blake and Breck schools. In many of the accounts, Jacobs's M.O. was to fondle the boys when they were sleeping. When parents complained to school officials, Jacobs was repeatedly referred to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist diagnosed Jacobs with a sleep disorder and told the schools Jacobs could be safely entrusted with children as long as he wasn't sleeping in the same room as them.

The statute of limitations has run out on these other accusations, but the parade of witnesses won't do his case any favors when Jacobs goes on trial in October.

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