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## Nathan Gastineau, San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputy, Claims Accuser Was A 'Female Teenage Predator'



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Nathan Gastineau, the 30-year-old former San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputy who has been accused of statutory rape, has landed himself back in jail.

For a [Facebook](#) posting.

The former officer, who was accused of having sex with a 16-year-old member of his "[Explorer Scout](#)" program while on duty, apparently found himself in front of a judge again after posting a Facebook rant that almost seemed inane, [according to LA Weekly](#). However, as [Loma Linda Patch discovered](#), the rant was really just a quote from the popular sci-fi series, *Battlestar Galactica*.

The rant, via [Patch](#) (You can watch a video of the original tv clip on [Loma Linda Patch](#)):

“This is your Admiral. I know there’ve been a lot of rumors going around ... about the destruction that’s been visited on my life. I would like to tell you that they’re exaggerations, but in fact it cannot even come close to convey

the horror that's been unleashed. The facts are ... that my reputation has been destroyed, my job has been nuked, and my best friend is in jail. I imagine you're all asking yourselves the same question I am: What do we do now? Do we run? Do we hide? I think those are the easy choices. A philosopher once said "When faced with untenable alternatives you should consider your imperative." Tomorrow, look around you. Our imperative is right there, in our friendships, in our hearts, in our statements to the media, and in ourselves. War is our imperative. And if right now victory seems like an impossibility, then we have something else to reach for: revenge, payback. So we will fight. Because in the end it's the only alternative my enemy has left us. I say let's make them understand that as long as I still have a breath in me, that this war, that they started, will not be over. Thank you everyone for the support your about to show me tomorrow. I will see you on the other side."

Appearing in court two weeks ago, Gastineau plead not guilty to the charges against him, [reported KTLA](#). The alleged sex offender had been free on bail since April.

But the defendant seems to be convinced of his innocence, at least [according to KABC](#). Even some of Gastineau's close friends have come to his aid.

"I think what people need to understand is there is such a thing called a female teenage predator," [Bonnie Lucas a friend of Gastineau's told KABC](#). "They have these crushes on people, and then when they don't get their way, most of the girls will just go away, but this girl has decided to take it to another level."

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In a strange twist, another of Gastineau's friends, Jason Anguiano, was also arrested in April for sleeping with the same underage teen, reports the [Press-Enterprise](#).

Gastineau isn't the only member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department accused of statutory rape, [according to KTLA](#). Another 30-year-old deputy, Anthony Benjamin, is also being accused of allegedly having sex with another underage Explorer Scout.

In light of these allegations the Explorer Scout program is now under review.

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