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Elementary School Teacher Arrested for Sexually Assaulting Two Juveniles in Classroom

Name: Jeffery Simonek
DOB: 09-27-1985
Booking Number: 3345512
Charge: 288(a) PC – Lewd Acts with Child Under 14 yrs
Bail: $300,000.00

On August 2, 2012, El Segundo Investigators received an anonymous report through the Department of Children and Family Services alleging the sexual assault of two male juveniles. A thorough investigation was conducted and it was determined that two students were assaulted last school year in a classroom while attending Center Street School in El Segundo. Today, Jeffrey Simonek, a 5th grade teacher who has been on administrative leave during this investigation, was served with a warrant for his arrest pursuant to these crimes.

From 2005 to 2011, Simonek worked as a camp counselor for boys ages 6-11 at a summer camp in the Lake Tahoe area. This investigation has revealed Simonek committed similar criminal acts with young boys at this camp. Simonek has also volunteered with various youth organizations in Los Angeles and Orange County, which placed him in direct contact with young boys. Based on

the investigation, it is believed Simonek sought these volunteer and counselor positions which allowed him to interact with boys he could potentially victimize.

If anyone has information or allegations of similar crimes committed by Jeffrey Simonek, please contact Detective Jeff Humphrey at (310) 524-2284 or jhumphrey@elsegundo.org.

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