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Two Additional Victims Identified in Ongoing Child Molestation Case Against Former School Counselor

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on October 22, 2025, a second amended complaint was filed against David Lane Braff, Jr. (DOB 05/28/82), of Thousand Oaks, alleging two additional victims. Braff now faces charges related to a total of 15 victims and 33 counts of lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14. Today, Braff was arraigned and pled not guilty to the additional charges. Braff remains in custody at the Ventura County Jail without bail following the denial of Braff's motion to have bail set.

One of the newly alleged victims is from Braff's tenure at McKeveitt Elementary School in Santa Paula, where he worked as a school counselor between 2015 and 2019. The other newly alleged victim is from his time at Bright Star Schools in Los Angeles, where he worked from approximately November 2019 through December 2021.

Braff was originally arrested on November 22, 2024, and charged with 17 felony counts of lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14. At that time, he was accused of molesting six students at McKeveitt Elementary School. In April 2025, prosecutors filed the first amended complaint adding 14 additional felony counts related to seven more victims, bringing the total to 13 victims and 31 charges.

Braff's full employment history shows that he has held numerous positions working with children over the past two decades:

- Conejo Recreation and Park District, Thousand Oaks, CA – Part-Time Gym Attendant/Part-Time Recreation Leader (April 2000 – August 2005)
- Conejo Valley Unified School District, Thousand Oaks, CA – Intramural Sports Coach, Campus Supervisor, Childcare Assistant, Substitute Child Leader, Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach (September 2003 – April 2015; Childcare Assistant 2012–2015)
- Moorpark Unified School District, Moorpark, CA – Paraeducator and Campus Supervisor/Instructional Assistant (January 2006 – August 2015)

- The ABA Network, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA – Behavioral Therapist (July 2014 – August 2014)
- Santa Paula Unified School District, Santa Paula, CA – McKeveitt Elementary School Counselor (August 2015 – November 2019)
- Bright Star Schools, Los Angeles, CA – School Counselor (November 2019 – approximately December 2021)
- Rio School District, Oxnard, CA – Substitute Teacher (September 2019 – unknown)
- Sports Academy, Thousand Oaks, CA – Referee (June 2021 – November 2024)
- Ventura Unified School District, Ventura, CA – Counselor (January 2022 – February 2023)
- Ingenium Charter Middle School, Canoga Park, CA – Assistant Principal/School Counselor (March 2023 – November 2024)

The investigation remains active. Anyone who believes they may have been victimized by Braff, or who witnessed suspicious conduct committed by him, is encouraged to contact Ventura County District Attorney Investigator Greg Webb at (805) 477-1627.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Emily Reber, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Braff's next court appearance is an Early Disposition Conference scheduled for January 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Case: 2024030779

Defendant Information:

David Lane Braff Jr. (DOB 05/28/82)
Thousand Oaks, CA

Charges:

- (33 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child under 14

Special Allegations:

- PC 667.61(c)(e)(4) – Multiple victims
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was particularly vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) – Crime involved planning, sophistication, or professionalism
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust

