



Paloma Valley High School Teacher Arrested for Statutory Rape

December 6, 2022 – Menifee Police Department (MPD) Officers and Detectives investigated the report of a Paloma Valley High School teacher frequently texting a student during off school hours. MPD Detectives discovered the teacher and student had texted each other during off school hours, but no evidence was located to substantiate criminal behavior.

March 3, 2023 – Perris Union High School District administration advised one of our School Resource Officers of a potentially inappropriate relationship between a student and a teacher at Paloma Valley High School. It was soon discovered this student and the teacher were the same student and teacher from the December 6, 2022 call for service. This time, the relationship was being described as boyfriend and girlfriend. School administrators indicated they immediately placed the teacher on administrative leave.

MPD Detectives interviewed the involved student, family members, and witnesses to the alleged relationship. The interviews revealed that an intimate relationship existed between the student and the teacher, dating back to 2022. The teacher was identified as 55-year-old Billy Singfield. Singfield is a NJROTC teacher at Paloma Valley High School.

MPD Detectives obtained a search warrant for Singfield's residence and electronic devices. The search warrant was served in the early morning hours of March 4, 2023. The search warrant revealed additional evidence of the inappropriate relationship.

Based on the investigation and information known to detectives at this time, Singfield was arrested for Penal Code 261.5(c) - statutory rape. Singfield was booked into custody at the Cois Byrd Detention Center.

Although the investigation is ongoing, MPD Detectives believe this is an isolated incident and there were no other children involved. If you have any information related to this incident, you are encouraged to call the Menifee Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 723-1540.

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