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Update Man in public pool arrested for committing lewd acts against kids

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On July 1, 2011, the facts of the case were presented to the Los Angeles Metropolitan District Attorney's Office in South Los Angeles where four misdemeanor counts of Annoying or Molesting a Child Under 18, were filed.

Original News Release:

Man in public pool arrested for committing lewd acts against kids

Thursday June 30th, 2011 :: 06:54 p.m. PDT

Deputies from the Parks Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department arrested a man for committing Lewd Acts Against Children, on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Ted Watkins Memorial Park, 1335 East 103rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002.

While working directed patrol at the Ted Watkins Memorial Park Pool, deputies were contacted by the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation lifeguards working the pool. They told the deputies that an adult male in the pool was touching female children in an inappropriate manner. Deputies quickly detained the suspect and investigated the allegations.

Deputies located four victims ranging in ages of nine to thirteen years who said they had been touched by the suspect on areas of their body that made them uncomfortable.

Suspect Darnell Island, a 32-year old male Black resident of Compton, was booked at the LASD Century Regional Detention Facility and is currently being held on \$100,000 bail.

The Special Victims Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department asks that anyone who was a witness to this incident or a possible victim, to contact them immediately at (877) 710-LASD (5273). For additional information, contact Sheriff's Special Victims Bureau Sergeant Pete Hahn at

(562-946 8211).

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

The Parks Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to providing a safe and drug free environment at all Los Angeles County Parks.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (<http://www.missingkids.com>) offers the following safety tips for parents to discuss with their youngsters:

- * Travel with a friend, or better yet, a group of friends when riding your bike or walking to or from school or other destinations.
- * If a stranger offers you a ride somewhere, say no, and run away. Adults should define "stranger" and give safety tip examples to help youth, especially young ones, know what you mean.
- * If someone follows you on foot, get away as quickly as you can. Go to someone's house you know, or run to other people, or just run away.
- * If someone is following you in a car, turn around and go in the opposite direction or take a path where a car would not go.
- * Never leave school or any other extracurricular activity or event with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable. Moms or dads should tell their youngster that it is okay in these circumstances to not ride home, but that also means adults should have an established communications method along with these safety tip guidelines so that the kid does not end up stranded or alone.
- * If a stranger tells you that there is an emergency or that a family member is hurt or that a pet has been in an accident, always check with your mom or dad or other trusted adults. This is a common trick used by many molesters or kidnappers.
- * For more information about safety tips contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department www.lasd.org , your local police or sheriff's station, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at <http://www.missingkids.com>

More safety tips:

* Adults should establish "safe houses" where kids feel comfortable in knocking on their door at any time a situation warrants it. Be sure to get approval from the neighbors/homeowners first before designating a home as a "safe house." If possible, have a neighborhood safety tip meeting and have residents agree to watch after one another.

* Parents should be cautious about blatant use of a child's name on a back pack or jacket. Kids sometimes believe that a person can't be a stranger if they know them by name, when the reality is that their name was easily readable on their attire or the individual heard a youngster's name mentioned.

* Adults should understand that boys are at just as greatest of risk as girls. It is a common safety tip misconception that child molesters or perpetrators are typically men and seek only girls. Molesters come in all ages and both genders, and their victims can be of either sex.

* Parents should begin reinforcing these safety tips as soon as a kid is old enough to understand, and above all, ensure that their child feels comfortable enough in discussing these issues, their concerns or fears, or any potentially inappropriate events that have possibly transpired. Awareness of these safety tips can help kids be less susceptible to any stranger dangers.

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