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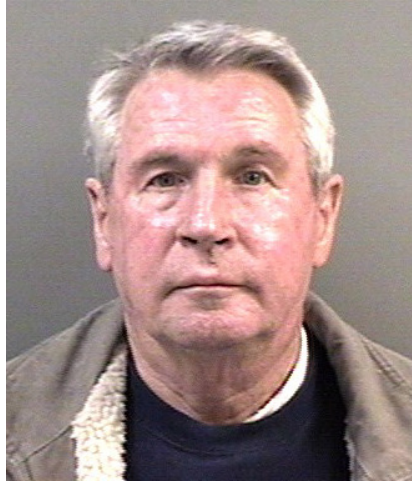
Sea Scout Leader Arrested For Molesting Boys

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Berkeley, California (Tuesday, December 4, 2007) - City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Youth Services Detail (YSD) detectives have arrested a long time Sea Scout leader. **Eugene A. Evans, 64**, of Kensington, was booked into the BPD Jail this morning for six felony counts of sexual assault after detectives served search warrants at several locations, including Evan's home.

Evans has been the skipper of the S.S.S. Farallon for approximately 35 years. The boat is currently docked at the Berkeley Marina and serves as the home base for the local Sea Scout unit. The Sea Scout group is comprised of 14-18 year old boys who meet regularly to participate in maritime activities and maintain the boat.

According to the ongoing investigation, Evans is responsible for assaults including Lewd & Lascivious Acts Against a Minor Under 14 years of Age, Oral Copulation with a Minor Under 16 Years of Age and Penetration With a Foreign Object of a Minor Under 14 Years of Age. The male victims range in age from 13-17 years old. Detectives note that the crimes documented in the investigation thus far occurred over a period of several years but they have yet to determine definitively how long Evans may have been molesting youth. They believe that there may be victims that remain unidentified. Evans retired from Encinal High School in the City of Alameda where he was a teacher.

The Berkeley Police Department is asking for the community's help with this continuing investigation. If anyone has any information regarding this case or may know of any additional victims, please call the BPD Youth Services Detail at (510) 981-5715. You may remain anonymous.

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