

Sea Scout Skipper Faces Three Charges Of Child Molesting

The 40-year-old skipper of [redacted] Belmont [redacted] has been arrested on three counts of child molesting that allegedly have taken place during the past year. [redacted] Stenger, 47, 2027 Riverton Ave., San Carlos, an electronics technician for a Menlo Park firm, posted bail of \$1,250 and was released from San Mateo County Jail following his arrest shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday.

who also issued the search warrant. San Carlos police used to confiscate ropes, chains, harnesses and other paraphernalia that he allegedly used in connection with his victims. Police said the ropes, chains and harnesses were used to restrain his victims, but not for sadistic purposes. Stenger is charged with three violations of Penal Code Section 288, lewd and lascivious conduct directed toward some one under the age of 14.

He was arrested on a warrant issued by Municipal Court Judge Roy Seagraves,

According to San Carlos police, Stenger's most recent victims were two 11-year-old boys and one nine-year-old boy, but San Carlos Police Cadet Randy Evans, who did the initial sleuthing in the case, indicated in his report that Stenger's activities may go back as far as 10 years ago.

Three Hurt In Crash At Roadside

Three Peninsula men were injured late yesterday afternoon when a car driven by one of them slammed into the other two as they were changing a tire on their car alongside Bayshore Freeway in San Mateo.

Evans said he first heard stories six months ago from some of the neighborhood children, but first dismissed them as a joke. He later began to take them seriously, however, and contacted Officer George Donlon, who aided in the investigation that led to the search and arrest warrants.

California Highway Patrolmen said John Watson, 31, of 2131 Oakley Ave., Menlo Park, was knocked 40 feet when his disabled car was struck by the car driven by Lemuel Williams, 47, of 268 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto.

According to police, Stenger took some of the boys for boat rides, apparently not in connection with the Belmont Sea Scouts, where some of the alleged incidents of molesting took place.

Watson was admitted to the intensive care unit at the county's Chope Community Hospital in San Mateo, for treatment of multiple injuries, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Williams and Watson's companion, Rodney Jacobson, 21, of 463 Upland Road, Redwood City, were treated for cuts and released from the hospital.

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