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Child Molestation Arrest

On December 18, 2018, John Rodgers McFarland was arrested by the Escondido Police Department for child molestation charges stemming from his abuse of at least one minor female. Search warrants were executed on McFarland's home as well as the current and previous churches where he has been employed as head pastor.

McFarland is currently the head pastor for Orangethorpe United Methodist Church in Fullerton, CA where he has pastored for the past four years (2014-2018). Prior to that, McFarland was the head pastor of Fountain Valley United Methodist Church for 26 years (1988-2014). He was also a pastor at Surf City Church in Huntington Beach from 2009-2014.

There is evidence that McFarland abused other victims during his time as a pastor in Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. If you have been a victim or can provide any information on additional victims, please contact Detective Scott of the Fountain Valley Police Department at (714) 593-4480. Incident# 18-44828.



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