

Serial Child Molester \$25,000 Reward

Trusted Church Servant Living a Double Life

One of the U. S. Marshall's 15 most wanted, **Frederick "Rick" Cecil McLean is** an expert mechanic who was financially successful in the business of buying, restoring, and reselling vintage CanAm and openwheel race cars from the 60's and 70's, McLean lived and worked in the San Diego and Riverside counties of southern California.

According to US Marshals, McLean was a "Ministerial Servant" (Deacon) within the Jehovah's Witnesses and used his position of trust to commit sexual crimes against young girls between 5 and 12 years of age. One victim's parents said they had no clue that a sexual predator was amongst them – even though church elders had prior knowledge of complaints against McLean from other congregations.

McLean is an experienced outdoorsman and would often take children on overnight camping trips. Police maintain that parents trusted him with their kids because of his almost "fanatical concern" for the kids' safety.

Law Enforcement Authorities say that McLean was confronted a number of times over the years by those he molested, but Jehovah's Witnesses church policy require two witnesses to an event of molestation before taking any kind of disciplinary action. By utilizing this church policy loophole, Detectives believe McLean moved from one congregation to another, keeping his crimes hidden for 25 to 30 years, before one of his victims reported him to police in May 2004. According to cops, McLean is to be considered armed and dangerous and may be compulsive in his need to sexually molest young girls. It is estimated that there are at least thirty victims.

McLean may have altered his physical appearance. He may now be clean-shaven and might also be dyeing his hair. Authorities believe that he may have purchased a new set of identity documents. He is also believed to have armed himself with a gun. McLean was an active Jehovah's Witness for many years and used their beliefs and practices to access JW children. McLean with a new identity may be active as a member in a Jehovah's Witness congregation. As an active member of JWs he would be calling on the homes of the public, offering to conduct Bible Studies to have access to children, especially females aged five to twelve.





If a person is in a Jehovah's Witness Church or claiming to be a Jehovah's Witness calling at your home matching this description, DO NOT CONFRONT HIM!

Call the US Marshals Service at 1-800-336-0102. A reward of up to \$25,000 is offered by the US Marshals Service for information directly leading to McLean's arrest.



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