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Jack Thrown in Jail

Self-proclaimed pedophile Jack McClellan was arrested in Los Angeles Monday for allegedly violating a restraining order to stay away from children, on the heels of reportedly promising to turn over a new leaf.

On Monday afternoon, campus police at the University of California, Los Angeles arrested McClellan after he was allegedly spotted near the Franz Daycare center on campus.

“There were children present and he was seen on the other side of a barrier near the center,” said university spokeswoman Nancy Greenstein. “So, he was in violation of his restraining order. He is now in a holding cell.”

She said campus police typically hold suspects in the cell on campus for about four hours, at which point they are turned over to city police.

A restraining order initiated recently by Santa Clarita lawyers makes it illegal for McClellan to be within 10 yards of any person under 18 in California.

On Monday, a spokesman for the UCLA campus police said simply: “We took him into custody.”

Santa Clarita lawyer Anthony D. Zinnanti who, with fellow lawyer Richard Patterson, obtained a statewide restraining order against McClellan, was expected to serve McClellan with a civil contempt notice in response to his having allegedly violated the restraining order.

“He has clearly exhibited a furtive act and indicated that he simply can’t control himself,” Zinnanti said. “It’s over for Jack.”

“Mr. McClellan still presents a danger,” he added. “It serves no one’s interests to have him on the street.”

Zinnanti said he will prosecute McClellan, promising: “He will be served while he’s in custody with a civil contempt charge.”

McClellan, 45, has repeatedly identified himself as a pedophile who likes to watch young girls.

On Monday, McClellan was expected to return to Chicago for a re-taping of The Steve Wilkos Show but that did not happen.

While in Chicago last week, McClellan was threatened and, by some accounts of those who attended, bullied.

Ron Tebo, who has maintained an ‘anti-Jack’ Web site intended to divert pedophiles looking for McClellan, ran into McClellan by chance inside O’Hare International Airport and told McClellan to get help for his pedophilia. Jack promised Tebo he would get that help.

“I gave him the benefit of the doubt,” Tebo said Monday after hearing news of McClellan’s arrest. “I accepted that. However, after hearing him in an interview on the radio Friday, his statements were horrific. All bets are off.”

According to Tebo, who was waiting to be interviewed on the same radio show, McClellan said he would have oral sex with an eight-year-old child if it was legal.

“After I heard that, all bets were off,” Tebo said. “I was livid. I nearly fell off my chair. I was horrified. I helped this guy. He seemed to be honest when I talked to him.”

“I looked at him, straight in the eye, and said ‘You need to get help.’ And, he promised he would seek help. Now, every parent has a right to be upset with this man.”

McClellan told The Signal last month that he visited Santa Clarita June 9, attending a bowling alley and the San Fernando Valley Fair to watch young girls and that he promised to return.

Zinnanti and Patterson filed an injunction against him in an effort to keep him out of Santa Clarita but a Superior Court judge widened the scope of the restraining order to make illegal for McClellan to be within 10 yards of any child in California. He is also prohibited from photographing children and from posting those images on the Internet.