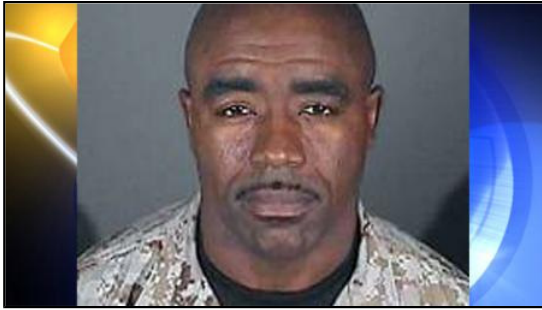


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Man arrested after allegedly posing as truancy officer, handcuffing teen

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Kelvin McFarland, 40, was arrested after police said he posed as a truancy officer and handcuffed a 14-year-old girl. (KABC Photo)

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PASADENA, Calif. (KABC) -- A man who runs a boot camp for kids in Pasadena was arrested after police said he posed as a truancy officer and handcuffed a 14-year-old girl.

Pasadena police said Kelvin McFarland, 40, then took the teen to a family member's house and demanded money for his services.

McFarland then allegedly tried to persuade the family to enroll the child in his business, Family 1st Growth Camp.

McFarland is being held on \$285,000 bail and faces charges of kidnapping, false imprisonment and extortion.

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