

# Details About Corrections Officer and Inmate

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January 9, 2006 -- Newly released court documents are revealing more about the alleged relationship between a former Fresno County corrections officer and an underage inmate.

Adriana Rivera worked at the Elkhorn Boot Camp for troubled teens. That's where prosecutors say she met the then 17-year-old inmate.

Prosecutors believe the relationship between officer and inmate may have started in November 2004 and lasted for several months.

Court documents reveal that the two even lived together after the teen escaped from boot camp.

But Rivera's attorney says we still haven't heard the full story and it's the corrections officer that is the victim.

Adriana Rivera's attorney says the former Elkhorn corrections officer turned herself in to Fresno police Saturday morning. Rivera was released hours later on a \$17,500 bond.

The 28-year-old is charged with felony sexual intercourse with a minor, who was then a 17-year-old inmate.

According to the report, "The teenage inmate admitted that when he went awol from Elkhorn, he went to Rivera's home that same night. He and Rivera had sexual intercourse that night. They continued to have a sexual relationship over the next 6 months."

The report says the teen escaped while on a furlough. A furlough that, "Rivera stated she assisted in obtaining for the teenage inmate to attend his father's funeral. She told Detective Weiss that she was shocked he did not return to Elkhorn after the funeral."

Rivera's attorney, Tony Capozzi says that while his client did help with the Furlough, "Rivera advised that teenage inmate should not stay overnight, he should only go to funeral and come back."

Capozzi went on to say, "The real victim is Adriana Rivera. This guy admits to abusing her mentally and physically. He threatened her and her family and held her hostage in her own apartment."

But Rivera's roommate tells police a different story. She says, "While living at the house, teenage inmate and Rivera shared a bedroom together and appeared to be a couple."