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Local Boot Camp Leader Accused of Kidnapping Minor

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PASADENA, Calif. (KTLA) -- An instructor at a youth boot camp is accused of kidnapping, false imprisonment and extortion in the alleged abduction of a truant teenager.

According to police, Kelvin "Sarge" McFarland handcuffed the teen, then took the boy to a family member's home demanding money before releasing him.

McFarland is also accused of trying to persuade the family to enroll the 14-year-old in his boot camp, "Family 1st Growth Camp."

McFarland is being held on a \$285,000 bail.

He is due in court June 13 for a preliminary hearing.

Police believe he may have tried to extort money from other victims.

Anyone with information should contact the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

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