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Simi Valley Man Charged with Lewd Acts on Two Teen Victims

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jabari Emil DeShields (DOB 08/15/89), of Simi Valley, has been charged with five counts of lewd acts upon a child with the special allegation that the two victims were vulnerable. DeShields made his first appearance in Ventura County Superior Court today and pled not guilty to all charges.

DeShields is accused of approaching two 14-year-old female victims at a Simi Valley business. He is charged with engaging in lewd acts with the girls in his van and at a nearby hotel on multiple occasions. An alert community member notified the Simi Valley Police Department (SVPD) of suspicious activity at a local park after they saw the victims exit DeShields' van. On November 6, 2025, DeShields was arrested by SVPD Major Crimes Detectives.

At the time of his arrest, DeShields was working for Simi Valley High School as an assistant basketball coach.

Deputy District Attorney Julia McAndrew, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

DeShields is scheduled to return to court for an early disposition conference on November 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. He currently remains in custody with bail set at \$20,000.

Case: 2025028260

Defendant Information:

Jabari Emil DeShields (DOB 08/15/89)
Simi Valley

Charges:

- (5 counts) PC 288(c)(1) – Lewd act upon a child

Special allegations:

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable