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Man ordered to stay 30 feet away from all Calif. kids under 18

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LOS ANGELES — A self-described pedophile who says he is attracted to young girls but doesn't actually molest them was ordered Friday to stay at least 30 feet away from every person under age 18 in California.

The temporary restraining order was issued against Jack McClellan by Superior Court Judge Melvin Sandvig, who also scheduled an Aug. 24 hearing to discuss the matter further. McClellan, who was not in court, told The Associated Press he didn't learn of Friday's hearing in time to attend. "That was granted? Oh man, I didn't think it would be," McClellan said, adding he believed such an order would be an unconstitutional restriction of his rights.

The order was obtained by attorneys Anthony Zinnanti and Richard Patterson, both parents of young children. As soon as Sandvig issued it, Zinnanti raced to Los Angeles International Airport to serve it on McClellan, who had boarded a flight to Chicago for a TV appearance.

"He was on an airplane and we managed to get him off the airplane and jam him with it," Zinnanti said by phone from the airport. McClellan accepted it nonchalantly and got back on the plane, he said.

McClellan, who is unemployed and lives out of his car, has created a furor across Southern California since arriving several weeks ago from Washington state, where he had lived with his parents.

For years, McClellan maintained a Web site in Washington where he posted photos of children he had taken in public places. He also discussed how he liked to stake out parks, public libraries, fast-food restaurants and other areas where little girls, or "LGs," congregate.

"Most libraries have frequent programs and events for children, and sometimes you can get quite close to LGs there," he said in one posting.

In a phone interview with the AP, McClellan said his intentions are misunderstood and he would never molest a child.

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