

At Blumenthal Law Offices our experienced, litigation-focused attorneys handle a broad range of criminal cases. We pursue the best possible outcome for every client, whether that means preventing the DA from filing charges, negotiating a favorable plea bargain, or asserting and protecting the client's constitutional rights through a jury trial. Here are some examples of the types of outcomes that our efforts have secured for past clients.

CHILD MOLESTATION / SEX CRIMES

People v. Frank H.

Frank is a Riverside man in his 70s. Due to abuse and neglect, Frank and his wife years ago opened their home to her sister's six children and raised the kids alongside their own. Now in their 20s, three of Frank's nieces went to law enforcement to claim that he had sexually abused them during their years in his home. Frank immediately hired Blumenthal Law Offices to defend against the multiple charges of child molestation.

With Frank facing a potential sentence of life in state prison we approached the case as if we needed to prove his innocence to the jury. Every member of his family was interviewed. Every claim against him was investigated. Decades of CPS records were obtained and reviewed. Virginia and Jeff tried the case together against one of Riverside's most experienced child molest prosecutors. After three weeks of trial and the testimony of dozens of witnesses, Frank was found Not Guilty of every count and every allegation. (Tried by Attorneys Virginia M. Blumenthal and Jeff Moore.)

People v. Kevin K.

Kevin was accused of molesting his young niece during a family get-together at Kevin's brother's home. When confronted by police, Kevin admitted to molesting her on just one occasion, although she later said that it had happened several times. After his arrest, the victim's two sisters came forward and also claimed to have been molested by Kevin during a time that he lived in their home. Facing hundreds of years in state prison, Kevin challenged the prosecution to prove the accusations at a jury trial. After two jury trials, Kevin was convicted of **only** those crimes to which he had confessed. All other charges were dismissed by the Court or found Not Guilty by the juries. Instead of serving hundreds of years in state prison, Kevin was sentenced to 12 years. (Both jury trials were tried by Attorney Jeff Moore.)

People v. Ken S.

Ken, a Marine, was accused of molesting his young stepdaughter. In support of her claim she provided the investigators with an article of her clothes, which was found to contain some cells from Ken's sperm. At jury trial we were able to expose the stepdaughter as vindictive and dishonest, with a history of fabricating evidence to bolster her false claims. All sex-related charges were dismissed and Ken was released from custody. (Tried by Attorney Jeff Moore.)

People v. Donald S.

Donald was a police officer accused of sexual assault by his adopted daughter. He vehemently denied the allegations and demanded a jury trial in the matter. Facing imprisonment and registration as a sex offender, we showed the jury that the complaining witness was unreliable and could not be taken at face value. While the result of the trial was a hung jury, the prosecution saw the writing on the wall and dismissed all remaining felony and sex-related charges. (Tried by Attorney Virginia M. Blumenthal.)

People v. Greg A.

Greg was a special education teacher who was alleged to have inappropriately touched three students on several different occasions while teaching. Our investigation established that the CPS and police inquiries had created false allegations and led to the destruction of exculpatory information. All sex crime allegations and felony charges were dismissed by the prosecutor.

People v. Joe A.

Joe had been declared a Mentally Disordered Sex Offender after suffering a conviction for multiple acts of armed, forcible oral copulation. Several decades later he was arrested for new allegations of child molestation. With Joe facing a potential life sentence, we successfully argued to exclude any evidence of his past crimes or convictions during the trial of the new charges. Joe was ultimately able to enter a plea bargain for probation with no additional time in jail.

People v. Paul C.

Paul was accused of multiple acts of forcible child molestation and physical child abuse. By pursuing an aggressive investigation into the false allegations and forcing the prosecution into a trial that they didn't want to try, we resolved the case for a misdemeanor with no sex registration or jail time.

People v. FH

FH was a high school coach and teacher who initiated a sexual relationship with one of his students. The relationship was exposed, and FH was charged with multiple sex-related felonies. Facing years in state prison and mandatory registration as a sex offender, FH's future was on the line. While the evidence against FH was strong, we were able to negotiate a resolution of the matter, which resulted in a conviction for a single offense, with NO registration requirement. FH's conviction, a misdemeanor, was later dismissed by the court.

People v. Dale R.

Dale was arrested after one of his girlfriends accused him of forcibly raping her in her home. While Dale admitted to an altercation in the house, he alleged that the sex acts had been consensual. Our investigation showed that the claims of rape were motivated by her fears that her actual boyfriend would find out about the time that she was spending with Dale. Facing life in prison and registration as a sex offender, we prepared Dale's case for trial. On the eve of trial, the prosecution agreed to a resolution for a plea to an assault. Dale was placed on probation with no additional jail time and no sex registration requirement.

People v. Donovan H.

Donovan was accused of sexually assaulting a drunk woman at his home after an engagement party. His engagement party, as a matter of fact. The District Attorney filed felony charges against him based upon her allegation. Our investigation established that these allegations were not corroborated by any of the other members of the household, nor any partygoers. We questioned the complaining witness's credibility and sobriety. And we encouraged the prosecutor to put Donovan on a polygraph to establish his own credibility. After we provided our witness statements and Donovan passed the poly with flying colors, all charges were dismissed by the prosecution.

People v. Doug H.

Doug was a convicted child molester. Having served his time he moved to a rural area and tried to get on with his life. Unfortunately, a child at his work came forward and accused him of touching her inappropriately. He faced a life sentence if convicted of another molestation offense. By preparing for trial and providing the DA with information that called into question the credibility and motivation of the alleged victim, we were able to resolve the matter for a short prison term.

People v. James K.

James was arrested after communicating over the internet with an adult who was posing as a minor. He was charged with several felonies, which exposed him to a certainty of a lifetime registering as a sex offender. In spite of his confession to the police, we were able to negotiate a resolution that both avoided a lengthy jail sentence and potentially allowed him to avoid the mandatory lifetime registration requirement.

People v. Tom L.

Tom was caught after planting a video camera in his stepdaughter's bathroom. A subsequent police investigation uncovered a substantial amount of under-age pornography on his various computing devices. Charged with numerous felonies, Tom was facing a long term of imprisonment and a lifetime as a sex registrant. The prosecution refused to negotiate the case in good faith, so we opted to prepare for trial. On the eve of trial, facing a protracted fight in front of the jury, the prosecution folded and accepted a plea to a misdemeanor, dismissing all of the felony and child pornography charges. Tom spent no time in jail.

People v. DM

DM was a 10-year-old child who was arrested for a sex-related offense involving a family member. Tragically, DM was arrested at his elementary school and held in juvenile hall. Once retained, we were able to investigate the case and review the alleged evidence. We were able to show the San Bernardino District Attorney that not only were the allegations highly suspect, but that the proper jurisdiction for any prosecution would be in a different State entirely. The case was dismissed and DM was able to return to school.

Pre-Filing Matter of DB

DB's matter was an excellent example of the value of proactive defense investigation, given the right circumstance. DB was arrested for exposing himself after he was identified by the minor victim. He told the police that it was a case of mistaken identity and provided alibi information to them, but they failed to do any additional investigation. He bailed out and came straight to us. Within an hour of the meeting an attorney was following up by personally tracking down surveillance video at local businesses to verify his alibi. We got in touch with the sex crimes investigator and worked directly with them to attempt to identify the real perpetrator. Based on our past relationship with these investigators, they were willing to openly share information about their investigation to allow us to help where we could. When the police offered to close the case if DB passed a polygraph, we agreed so long as they promised to declare him "factually innocent" and remove the arrest from his record ... if he passed. They agreed and he easily passed the polygraph. The police officers honored their commitment and supported DB's petition for a finding of factual innocence.

Pre-Filing Matter of SG

SG contacted our office after receiving a "pretext" call from a woman he'd met at a bar one month earlier. (A pretext call is a recorded call from an alleged victim which is done as a part of a police investigation. It is a common tactic here in the Inland Empire, especially with allegations of molestation or sexual abuse.) In the call the woman alleged that she had been too drunk to consent to sex on the night that they had met. SG challenged her accusations on the call, but sought our services to help protect his rights. We spoke on SG's behalf with the police detective while also coordinating an independent investigation into the allegations. In the end, the police closed the case as "unfounded."