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Victim's Rights Violations in the Gila County Court

70-year-old Daniel Alonzo, a former Gila County Deputy/court employee, was in the Gila County Superior Court today (Tuesday, March 15) for a bond reduction hearing on charges of Luring a Minor for Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Conduct with a Minor.

Alonzo is being held without bond in a Pinal County Jail. He was moved out of the county for his own protection. It is unclear at this time why the case has not been moved out of Gila County as well, due to conflict of interest.

The Gila County Attorney's Office did not notify the victim's guardian of the bond hearing prior to the hearing.

After hearing of the bond hearing the victim's family contacted the Gila County Detective who told them that there was no need for them to be at the hearing. However the defendant's family and friends were present to speak on the behalf of the defendant.

After the victim's family made their presence known, the defense attorney told Judge Duber that they would not be seeking a bond modification at the hearing. Alonzo remains in custody in the Pinal County Jail with no bond.

KQSS reminds everyone that Daniel Alonzo is considered innocent until proven guilty. At this time our focus on this case is to address Victim's Rights Violations and special treatment for those in the "County Loop."