

Former youth home administrator accused on 11 sex charges

Troopers and detectives from Michigan State Police Hastings Post arrested a Bellevue man on criminal sexual conduct charges Aug. 24 involving multiple teen victims.

Michael Terpening, 32, is the former director of Educated Animal Rescue and Teen Haven, or EARTH, Services Youth Home. Terpening was arraigned on nine felony counts Aug. 24, along with two more charges as of Aug. 29. The multiple charges include sexual penetration, criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree; criminal sexual conduct, third degree; and aggravated indecent exposure.

Judge Michael Schipper set bond at \$250,000 in district court last week, and Circuit Court Judge Amy McDowell raised the bond to \$300,000 Monday, after the addition of two more charges. Terpening's pre-trial is scheduled before Judge Schipper Sept. 12.



Michael Terpening

