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## **Former teacher denied bail despite father's plea of supervision**

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The prosecutor reminded the judge De La Paz is a repeat offender, bringing up his past in Arkansas. He stated possibly two to three other students were approached by De La Paz.

"Hey .... I want you to send a video to me of you pleasing yourself by thinking about me and to the sound of my voice I want you to imagine that you get to do all the things that you wanted to do to me while I am tutoring you. You imagine unbuckling my belt buckle. Pulling down my pants," says De La Paz.

This video, obtained by NEWS15 Investigates, has been circulating online catching major attention.

Yet it's come to life that this isn't the only video he sent the Vermilion High student to engage in a sexual act. However, she also sent him a video.

"This is very disheartening, the video is disheartening," says Vermilion Parish Superintendent Tommy Byler.

Byler stands by the fact though De La Paz was hired in the parish, it was done by the book. "He was hired in Vermilion, he very well could have been hired in any other district in the state of Louisiana because he didn't have any disqualifying charges. Does

that mean we need to look at our hiring practices across the state? Does that mean we need to do a little more due diligence? It's also difficult because this is seven years after the hiring."

De La Paz's lawyer Joseph Burke did question if law enforcement did a full investigation as officers learned about the video on April 27th and immediately arrested him the next day.

NEWS15 did try to speak to both the defense and prosecutor but was told they couldn't comment. Though De La Paz did have someone in his corner, his father.

Conrad De La Paz took the stand informing the judge if his son was let out on bond he would supervise him. His father informed the judge that he'd make sure De La Paz stayed away from all electronics and out of sight.

Yet that still wasn't enough for the judge to rule with the defense.

De La Paz is currently being held at the [St. Martin Parish jail](#) with no bond.

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