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Molestation

Porter County police said they uncovered numerous reports in which Ritchie was accused of molesting young boys with learning disabilities, including one report made to Valparaiso police and two made to Indiana State Police.

Police said they asked Ritchie about the allegations, and he further stated he resigned from his job as a teacher in Lake Village after being accused of groping a boy, and he stated he left the Lake Central school system after he was accused of inappropriately touching a child there. He also told police he got drunk and may have fondled his stepson.

Police are asking anyone else who had inappropriate contact with Ritchie to call Detective Sgt. Steve Rose at (219) 477-3134.