



Ipswich: Paedophile missionary William Rogers, 79, given sex offenders' prevention order

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A 79-year-old paedophile missionary has been given a sexual offences prevention order after being jailed.

William Rogers was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Ipswich Crown Court last month following his return to the UK after abusing children in the Dominican Republic.

The Jehovah's Witness illegally fled the UK eight years ago while he was supposed to be living in Norwich Road, Ipswich.

He had previously admitted failing to comply with the notification requirements within the terms of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Rogers told officers he had been living in the Dominican Republic since 2006 working as a Jehovah's Witness.

He confessed that while in the Caribbean he had been teaching and molesting children.

Police have been granted a Foreign Travel Order prohibiting Rogers travelling abroad after his release from jail. He must stay in the UK for the next five years.

Now Suffolk Constabulary has made a further application before South East Suffolk Magistrates Court for a sexual offences prevention order.

The uncontested order was granted and limits Rogers' contact with children.

Rogers came to Ipswich in 2003 after serving a seven-year sentence given to him by Harrow Crown Court in 1997 for abusing two girls under the age of 11 while he was a church elder.

He was released from prison on October 30, 2000, and was compelled to follow the notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Prevention Act.

After moving to Suffolk he was managed by officers in Ipswich's public protection unit.

However, on May 12, 2006, officers discovered Rogers had left the premises where he had been staying.

Subsequent investigations revealed Rogers had made a withdrawal from his bank account in the Dominican Republic on May 8, 2006.

As part of his notification requirements he should have notified police that he intended to travel abroad for three days or longer. However, he failed to do so and was posted as "wanted" by the authorities.

After living in the Caribbean for nearly eight years, Rogers returned to the UK on January 15.

He arrived at Gatwick Airport after flying back from the Dominican Republic, via a connecting flight from Madrid.

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