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## San Bernardino professor pleads not guilty in drug trafficking case

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An associate professor at Cal State San Bernardino pleaded not guilty Friday to charges that he possessed methamphetamine for sale and participated in a criminal street gang.

Stephen Kinzey, 45, of Highland made his first appearance Friday in San Bernardino Superior Court. He was out of custody during the hearing and wearing a dark suit. A \$300,000 bond was posted last week by a bondsman, clearing Kinzey's arrest warrant.

At the hearing, Kinzey's father, Henry Charles Kinzey, testified briefly about the source of funds used to secure his son's bail bond.

Henry Kinzey told the court he transferred \$115,000 to a bail bondsman from his personal account. He said the money used was his own and unrelated to his son's alleged criminal activity.

Judge Kenneth R. Barr said after Henry Kinzey's testimony he was satisfied the funds used to secure the bond were unrelated to alleged criminal activity.

The judge ordered Stephen Kinzey to go to a San Bernardino County sheriff's facility before Sept. 30 to be booked. He has not been fingerprinted or photographed in connection with his case because he posted bond prior to his arrest.

Kinzey is next due in court on Oct. 28, when a prosecutor will ask that his bail be raised.

Deputy District Attorney Steve Sanchez said after Friday's court hearing, he will ask that Kinzey's bail to be raised from \$300,000 to \$425,000.

Sanchez said the increased bail was warranted because he amended the complaint in Kinzey's case, with new charges being more serious than the previous charges.

Kinzey has been charged with six felonies: possession of a controlled substance for sale, receiving stolen property, participating in a criminal street gang, conspiracy to transport and distribute a controlled substance for sale, and possessing a controlled substance while armed with a firearm.

Prosecutors accuse Kinzey of purchasing large amounts of meth from a San Bernardino resident and distributing the drugs to dealers who sold the drugs in smaller quantities.

Authorities also allege Kinzey is president of the San Bernardino Mountains chapter of the Devil's Diciples, a group founded in Fontana in 1967.

Kinzey has taught kinesiology at Cal State San Bernardino for 10 years.

Sanchez said Kinzey will be booked at West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga or



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at Central Detention Center in San Bernardino.

Kinzey is innocent, his attorney, James Glick, said in an interview after the hearing.

He said Kinzey had been away from his home before it was raided by the Sheriff's Department.

"He wasn't there and didn't have anything to do with" drugs found in the home, Glick said.

He said Kinzey became aware of his case when he was in the Midwest riding a motorcycle as part of a riding event.

Glick said he didn't expect a preliminary hearing - in which prosecutors must present evidence for a case to proceed to trial - to happen quickly in Kinzey's case.

Glick said he had a month's worth of phone wiretap transcripts to review, plus other evidence, before such a hearing can be held.

"I'm sure it's going to take a while," he said.

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