

Temecula Chiropractor Pleads Not Guilty in Sexual Assault Case

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A chiropractor who has offices in Temecula and Hemet and is accused of sexually assaulting at least two of his patients pleaded not guilty Wednesday to felony charges.

Dr. Jeffrey Richard Marrs, 46, is charged with five counts of sexual battery and one count of sexual penetration with a foreign object. He entered his plea at his arraignment at the Southwest Justice Center in Murrieta and is due back in court Feb. 11 for a felony settlement conference. He is free on a \$500,000 bond.

Marrs was arrested in November at his Hemet office, Lifestyle Chiropractic & Wellness, 2091 W. Florida Ave. Hemet police Lt. Duane Wisheart said detectives received reports of alleged illegal activity at the doctor's office the previous month and initiated an investigation.

"The offenses were reported to have occurred at Dr. Marrs' place of business, and there is more than one victim," Wisheart said. "It is believed there may be other victims of Dr. Marrs' criminal activity."

Marrs' Temecula office is located at 41593 Winchester Road, [according to the website for his business](#); however it is not known whether investigators suspect any of the alleged incidents may have involved Temecula-area patients.

—*City News Service and Maggie Avants contributed to this report.*