

REPORT: PAWLEYS ISLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH MATTER

DATE: July 23, 2026

SUMMARY

This outlines the facts and allegations surrounding the presence of Warren Spencer Perry, a registered sex offender, on the campus of Pawleys Island Community Church (PICC) and Pawleys Island Christian Academy (PICA). The investigation details a concerted effort by church and school leadership to conceal Perry's criminal history from parents and law enforcement while allowing him daily, unrestricted access to minor children.

CHRONOLOGICAL TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- **August 2020:** Warren Spencer Perry is arrested by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) on two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.
- **Late 2020:** Shortly after his arrest, Perry begins attending Sunday services at PICC and is "employed" or begins volunteering as a maintenance man and custodian on the church and academy campus.
- **2021:** Perry professes faith in Christ. Senior Pastor Don Williams later describes this as a period of "genuine spiritual growth".
- **2021 – July 2026 (Alleged):** Plaintiffs allege Perry is "deliberately and recklessly" hidden within the church, working as a custodian with unrestricted access to classrooms, infants, and toddlers.
- **June 2022 (Alleged):** A 5-year-old student (John Doe) is allegedly sexually assaulted by Perry on the school campus.
- **July 2022:** John Doe's parents report the alleged assault to School Director Niki Howard. **Alleged Fact:** Howard reportedly questions the child's honesty and fails to investigate. The parents withdraw the child and report the matter to law enforcement.
- **November 29, 2023:** Perry pleads guilty to **Third-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Child**. He receives a 10-year suspended sentence and is placed on **five years of probation** with orders to have no contact with minors.
- **February 2024, March 2024, and March 2026:** State regulators (South Carolina Division of Early Care and Education) cite PICA multiple times for failing to complete required background checks on staff.
- **September 2025 – July 2026 (Alleged):** A preschool child (R.K.) is allegedly exposed daily to Perry during his work on the school campus.
- **April 2026:** Perry signs a **General Power of Attorney** naming Ginny Williams (the pastor's wife) as his agent, with Don Williams as the backup.
- **July 12, 2026:** GCSO deputies make initial contact with church leadership. **Arresting Fact:** Church officials falsely assure deputies that measures are in place to keep Perry away from children.
- **July 13, 2026:** A parent officially reports Perry's presence on campus after seeing him on the sex offender registry.
- **July 14, 2026: Arresting Fact:** Warren Perry is arrested for violating his probation by volunteering at a location housing a daycare and school.
- **July 15, 2026:** Don Williams holds a meeting with parents, admitting leadership knew of Perry's status but allowed him to serve under "strict safeguards".
- **July 17, 2026:** Don Williams, Ginny Williams, and Niki Howard resign. A **\$25 million class-action lawsuit** is filed against the church and school.

- **July 19, 2026:** Deputies execute search warrants at the church and academy, confiscating digital devices.
- **July 20, 2026:** Don Williams, Ginny Williams, and Niki Howard are arrested and charged with **Obstruction of Justice** and **Criminal Conspiracy**. Don Williams and Howard are additionally charged with **Unlawful Placing of a Child at Risk**.
- **July 22, 2026:** Bond hearings are held. Bond is denied for Perry; set at \$75,000 for Don Williams and Howard, and \$50,000 for Ginny Williams.

FACTS FOR THE PROSECUTION TO PROVE

1. **Scienter (Knowledge):** Don Williams admitted in a public meeting that he and other leaders knew of Perry's registered sex offender status while he was active on campus.
2. **Conspiracy to Conceal:** Evidence of a "concerted effort" to hide Perry's history from parents and teachers. The Power of Attorney document established a formal, high-trust relationship between the Williams family and the offender.
3. **Obstruction of Justice:** Williams provided false statements to deputies on July 12, 2026, claiming Perry had no contact with children.
4. **Placing Children at Risk:** The school director and pastor knowingly allowed an offender convicted of child exploitation to have "unrestricted access" to facilities housing infants and preschoolers.
5. **Probation Deception:** Perry intentionally withheld the existence of the school/daycare from his probation officer to remain on campus.

ALLEGED FACTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

- **Anal Sexual Abuse:** Lawsuits allege Perry perpetrated [a perverted sexual act] on at least one 5-year-old student (John Doe) in 2022.
- **Retaliation:** A teacher was reportedly forced out of her job after raising alarms to the administration about a sex offender working at the school.
 - ✓ **Note:** this is a fact, that if proven, will prove to be devastating in the civil lawsuit
- **Normalization of Access:** Perry allegedly entered classrooms while school was in session and was even part of a school auction "prize" where children could spend a workday shadowing him.

ARREST WARRANT FACTS

The warrants were predicated on:

- **Body Camera Footage:** Shows Don Williams appearing "incredulous" and questioning the definition of "contact with minors" while being told Perry was in custody.
- **Photographic Evidence:** Large-scale photos showing Perry in close physical proximity to children in a swimming pool and at a foot-washing event, contradicting leadership's claims.
- **Vouching for the Offender:** Pastor Don Williams personally provided character witness statements to state probation officials to help secure Perry's volunteer approval without disclosing the presence of the academy.
- **Regulator Findings:** Repeated citations for background check violations prove a pattern of ignoring safety safeguards.

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