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Detention Hearing in Riverside for Tenn. Pastor Arrested Friday in Loma Linda

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A Tennessee pastor who was arrested Friday on the grounds of the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church has a detention hearing Wednesday in Riverside, according to a spokesman for the U.S. District Attorney in Los Angeles.

Walter Ogden McGill, 66, was being held Tuesday at Central Detention Center in San Bernardino. He was ineligible for bail, according to inmate records.

McGill appeared in federal court Monday in Riverside, and he is scheduled to return at 3 p.m. Wednesday, before Magistrate Judge Bristow.

McGill's designated attorney, Kay Otani of Riverside, declined to comment Tuesday afternoon.

McGill was arrested on a federal contempt of court warrant about 8 p.m. Friday July 13 in Loma Linda by U.S. Marshals based in Los Angeles.

Approximately 6,500 members of the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church comprise the largest Adventist congregation in North America, according to the [church's website](#).

The [Seventh-day Adventist Church of North America](#) and McGill are involved in a trademark infringement dispute, according to court records.

McGill founded the [Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church](#) in western Tennessee in 1991 because he believed the primary church was using a trademark issue to "persecute Christians," Creation assistant pastor Lucan Chartier told Redlands-Loma Linda Patch on Tuesday.

A pdf copy of the warrant for McGill's arrest is attached to this report.

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