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## NYPD detective accused of pimping out 13-year-old maintains innocence

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The NYPD detective accused of pimping out a 13-year-old girl at parties across the city proclaimed his innocence Wednesday and said he's looking forward to his day in court.

"I am 100% innocent of all the charges and all that will come out in court," Wayne Taylor, 35, told the Daily News in an exclusive jailhouse interview.

"I guarantee you if I spoke my heart out and told you all the facts, you would walk out here with a totally different outlook."

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Detective Wayne Taylor, in jail in Westchester, where he told The News his... (Sabo/News)

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"But I can't do that until court," said Taylor, who will appear before a judge today to answer charges of kidnapping, assault, promoting prostitution and endangering the welfare of a child.

Wearing an orange jumpsuit, Taylor spoke to The News from Westchester County Jail, where the 14-year veteran is in protective custody after being moved from Rikers Island. Taylor, who is married with three young children, said being on the other side of the law is "emotionally draining."

"It's a really bad nightmare," he said. "I feel helpless being here and not being able to do anything about it and not being able to say anything knowing that all of these things are being said that aren't true."

Taylor and Zalika Brown, 29, allegedly "bought" a 13-year-old girl for \$500, then took her to parties where she was ordered to tell patrons she was 19 and charge up to \$80 for sex.

The girl told police she had run away from her Brooklyn home on Jan. 10. Taylor and Brown face up to 25 years in jail if convicted. Each is being held on \$250,000 bail.

Taylor wouldn't discuss the specifics of his case on the advice of his prominent lawyer, Stephen Drummond of Drummond & Crawford, but he insists he is being set up.

"I know because I've been on that side of the fence," he said. "People want a certain outcome because they want to build something out of what's there."

He said he was grilled for hours and said cops could have pressured Brown the same way. "I know when they put her in the same exact predicament in that room, she probably said things. I know that once she gets put in the right place and she's able to tell the truth, she has no choice but to tell the truth," he said.

Brown's lawyer said the statements attributed to his client were fabricated. "The statements are not accurate," said attorney Randall Unger. "They are not the words of my client."

Taylor said he finds strength by reading the Bible - and he hopes that one day his name will be cleared.

"I worked 9/11. I did recovery. I've given up a lot of time," he said. "For this to happen, for everyone to just turn their backs - just from allegations - it hurts. It hurts a lot. "I'm not angry with anyone. I don't hold any grudges. The detectives that worked the case, I guess they were just doing their job. I just want this whole thing to be over."

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