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Florida police chief fired after prostitution bust, says he sought stress relief from job

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A south Florida police chief was fired after he was caught ordering a “two-girl special” in an undercover prostitution sting, police said.

Miami Gardens Police Chief Stephen Johnson, 53, was arrested Friday after responding to a fake post on Backpage.com, according to a Broward Sheriff’s Office report.

Johnson said the pressure of his job drove him to seek relief, telling reporters, “the stress overwhelmed me and I made a very bad decision.”

The chief set up a meeting with an undercover detective, saying

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S
Miami Gardens Police Chief Stephen Johnson was fired Friday after he was caught soliciting a prostitute, according to press release sent out by the Miami Gardens Police Department.

over the phone that he wanted to "do everything," the [Sun-Sentinel](#) reported.

He opted for a deal of paying \$100 for a 30 minutes with two girls, instead of \$80 for a session with one prostitute, according to the report.

Johnson knocked on the door of the agreed-upon room at a Dania Beach hotel at 6:20 p.m. Friday and paid the undercover cop \$100, police said.

He was then arrested for soliciting a prostitute. Police said they found two condoms in his pocket.

He spent the night in jail and posted a \$300 bond Saturday morning.

At his release, Johnson told reporters he was stressed about having to face "two grieving families," although he did not specify to what cases he was referring.

"It brought something that's totally out of character with me and people know me," he said, according to [CBS Miami](#). "This is just not my character."

Johnson won't have to deal with that stress any longer -- he was immediately fired from the post he has held since May.

An assistant chief will temporarily head the department in the suburb between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, spokespeople said.

"We remain committed to excellence and integrity on every level," the department said in the release. "We will not allow Mr. Johnson's bad judgment to reflect negatively on the hardworking officers of the City of Miami Gardens and the residents they serve on a daily basis."

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