

Columbus police officer charged with prostitution, solicitation

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2016 Cop Solicit prostitute Bobby G. Schoolcraft

Columbus Police Officer Bobby G. Schoolcraft is charged with one count of prostitution and one count of solicitation, ABC 6/FOX 28's Lisa Rantala learned Tuesday.

Franklin County court documents show the offense happened on December 10, 2015.

Schoolcraft, 46, has worked for the Columbus Division of Police for five years.

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