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He's living a sexual nightmare: Says alleged oral-sex assailant is still a cop

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Harris said that Paige directed him to sit in the front passenger seat of his cruiser while he looked over his vehicle paperwork and questioned him about his sexual preferences, Harris said. He then told Harris to take his friend home and return to the park, withholding Harris' car registration and insurance papers to ensure his complicity, according to Harris and detectives who later investigated the incident. Back at the park, Harris said, Paige directed him back into the front passenger seat of his cruiser and then drove past a locked gate deep into the wooded park.

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He parked, scooped down his pants and underwear and then turned to Harris, pushing Harris' head down to his exposed crotch, Harris said. He then forced unprotected oral sex on Harris three times, according to Harris and court paperwork.

"The whole time, I just felt like I wanted to die. I still feel that way," Harris said this week.

After a while, the cop climbed out of the cruiser and walked a short distance to urinate, leaving the keys in the ignition and his gun on the seat, Harris said.

Harris was sorely tempted to escape. But he didn't. Fear paralyzed him.

"I knew he's crazy. Only a crazy person could do what he's done. I just knew he gonna do what he want to. He gonna kill me," Harris said.

Instead, Harris said, the officer returned to the cruiser and then delivered Harris back to his car. As Harris pulled away from the park, nausea set in. He grabbed a cup leftover from a recent meal and spat into it as he sped home. He reported the incident to authorities the next morning.

An internal-affairs investigation ensued, and DNA tests linked the cup's contents to Paige. Detectives determined "nonconsensual sexual activity" occurred, and Commissioner Sylvester Johnson fired Paige in May 2007.

By the end of the year, the case was in criminal court. But Judge Anthony DeFino acquitted Paige of kidnapping, indecent sexual contact and related offenses. Paige never took the stand, and the judge said he believed the encounter was consensual.

"The victim was treated like a criminal. This was a miscarriage of justice. If these were two civilians, there would have been a different verdict," said Harris' attorney, Brian Humble.

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