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

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Paige was compelled to testify in Harris' suit. At deposition, Paige insisted he invited Harris into his car only to "mentor" a troubled young man. He denied that any sex, consensual or otherwise, took place. Instead, the married officer offered an unusual defense that another judge, rejecting Paige's plea for summary judgment in Harris' civil-rights complaint, called outrageous: Paige claimed that he frequently had consensual sex with women in the secluded spot and that Harris somehow found the spot, fished one of Paige's used condoms from the snow and dumped its contents, along with Harris' spit, into the Styrofoam cup detectives later had tested for DNA.

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After his acquittal, the Fraternal Order of Police went to bat for him to return to work. The arbitrator concluded that oral sex had occurred but that prosecutors failed to prove it was forced. So he reduced Paige's dismissal to a 30-day suspension. Paige returned to work in April 2009, police spokesman Lt. Ray Evers said. He also got back pay; an amount wasn't immediately available, but his current salary is \$62,519, according to city payroll records.

Paige, who joined the force in 1989, had a lengthy disciplinary history even before he met Harris.

As a rookie, he was suspended for repeatedly sleeping while on duty, allowing a prisoner to escape through carelessness and pursuing a motorist out of his district, according to court records. In 1994, a suspect complained that Paige stole \$1,200 from his car during an arrest; that suspect later refused to participate in the internal-affairs probe, and Paige was suspended only for failing to complete an incident report and property receipt, court records show.

In 1995, his supervisor recommended his dismissal for loafing and repeated violations of police rules. Instead, he was suspended for failing to properly patrol his beat. That same supervisor again recommended his dismissal a few months later after a suspect complained that Paige hit him. Without corroborating witnesses, detectives didn't sustain that charge.

Most controversial, Paige was one of nine officers accused in the 1994 death of Moises DeJesus, a violent suspect high on cocaine who died after struggling with officers. The Police Advisory Commission found that the force used by officers contributed to DeJesus' death from a cocaine overdose, and further that officers lied when they denied hitting DeJesus on the head with nightsticks and flashlights. Paige was suspended for lying in that investigation.

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