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[Dallas County Jail official faces charges of sexually abusing inmate](#)

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A Dallas County Jail official sexually assaulted a female inmate at the facility in December, state investigators alleged Thursday.

Kevin Paul Hines, 58, of Perry is charged with felony sex abuse and misconduct with an offender, an aggravated misdemeanor. The sex abuse charge carries a 10-year prison term.

Hines was in the jail late Thursday on a \$10,000 bond and was expected to be transferred to Polk County

Hines “did engage in a sex act by force and against the will of ... an adult female, who was incarcerated,” a state Division of Criminal Investigation agent wrote in the criminal complaint. The alleged victim was not identified. Information on the charges that landed her in jail was not available.

The alleged assault happened Dec. 6. Hines resigned from the sheriff’s department on April 10, said Joni Fagen, human resources director for the county. Hines had worked for the department for about five years.

Investigators searched Hines’ Perry home Thursday, said Jessica Lown, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Details of what, if anything, was seized were not made public.

Louisa County Sheriff Curt Braby, president of the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association, said such crimes are “very, very rare.”

“I’ve heard stories, but I can’t remember if they happened in this state or another, or if they were even true,” Braby said. “And I doubt there’s anything that doesn’t get reported. It’s understandable that when people are locked up, they wouldn’t say anything, but once they’re out in the world, there’s no reason not to report it.”

A female inmate who was raped by a Colorado Department of Corrections sergeant was awarded \$1.3 million last month by a federal judge who said he hoped the award would be a deterrent. Four former female inmates last month filed a civil lawsuit in Tulsa, Okla., that claimed the sheriff covered up rapes, blackmail attempts and death threats.

Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard declined to comment Thursday on the charges against Hines but said the alleged victim reported the crime to department officials, who forwarded the information to state investigators.

Dallas County Supervisor Mark Hanson said: “It’s frustrating that there may have been another incident at the jail.”

Hines is the second Dallas jailer accused of having sex with female inmates in the last three years.

Deke Gliem was sentenced in January 2008 to eight years in prison after he traded telephone cards and other items to inmates for “favors” in 2006, according to court records. An audit identified nearly \$6,000 in missing telephone cards and \$2,300 in missing cash.

State agents said Gliem, 60, had sex with a prisoner, touched and kissed others, or watched them shower. Gliem was suspended with pay in August 2006 and was formally charged three months later with felony extortion and invasion of privacy.

Judge Gregory Brandt called the crimes “heinous” and “disgusting” when he sentenced Gliem.

Leonard’s predecessor, Sheriff Brian Gilbert, was convicted of theft in 2007 in the disappearance of \$120,000 taken from a suspected drug dealer during a traffic stop.

Leonard has pledged to bring change to the department by rooting out “arrogant officers.”

“Arrogance causes bad decisions,” he said earlier this year.

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