

Orange County corrections officer resigns amid rape allegations, officials say

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2015 Corrections Officer rapes inmate Michael Dean

- ORANGE COUNTY, Fla. —A former Orange county corrections officer is charged with three counts of sexual battery, according to officials.

Michael Dean was arrested Wednesday by Orlando police, one week after he resigned under pressure while under investigation. He made his first court appearance on Thursday.

According to an arrest report, the victim, who was an inmate at the time of the alleged sexual assaults, said she felt coerced into having sex with Dean because he was the highest-ranking officer in the facility and was afraid he would send her to the Female Detention Center.

She also said Dean would give her cash and special privileges, like sleeping in and using his computer to check her Facebook page, in exchange for sexual favors, documents said.

An attorney for Dean said the sex was consensual and that there were never any threats made by his client against the alleged victim.

Dean was also fired in 2013 after officials said he was one of two officers involved in a bus brawl, but he appealed the case and was rehired and demoted from lieutenant to corporal. A bus driver said Dean and Sgt. Donald Casey got into a drunken fight, part of which was captured on surveillance video, while returning from a charity boxing match.

He was released from jail Thursday afternoon after posting a \$10,300 bond.

Dean started his career with the Orange County Corrections Department 15 years ago.

A resignation statement from Dean to the Orange County Corrections Department said the following:

"I want to express my gratitude for a rewarding professional association during my employment with the Orange County Corrects Department."

In the letter, Dean also said that he accepted a position with a new company, but he did not say where.