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Sheriff's Deputy faces charges in sex sting

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Indianapolis - A Marion County Sheriff deputy is in jail, accused of soliciting sex with an underage girl on the internet. Police say they caught him communicating with investigators from the Prosecutors office who were posing as an underage girl.

In a flash Marion County Deputy Blas Garay became a hero.

"He just received one of our honor awards at our annual awards banquet just last week," said Captain Phil Burton.

Earned working off-duty at a Convenient Food Store at the corner of 30th and Mitthoeffer Road, out of no where an armed man burst open the door, jumped the counter and drew his gun. 25-year-old Special Deputy Garay returned fire hitting the suspect.

His quick action earned him the highest department honor, the Medal of Valor. Now things have changed.

"He has already, at the authority of Sheriff Anderson, been suspended without pay immediately," said Burton.

The honored deputy, who usually delivers criminals for processing to the jail, is now charged with soliciting sex on the internet with an under age girl.

"Internal affairs is investigating the whole situation."

A situation the Prosecutors office says Garay created. The girl he solicited is really an investigator for the Marion County Prosecutors office, part of an on-going sting operation investigation similar to NBC's Dateline " To Catch a Predator".

The Prosecutor's office finished their on-line sting operation Thursday evening.



Marion County Sheriff Deputy Blas Garay



Garay earned the Medal of Valor for his work at this crime scene.



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