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## Former police officer charged in child rape case

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GOODLETTSVILLE (AP) -- A former Goodlettsville police officer has been arrested in a child rape investigation.

A TBI spokeswoman says Damien Steele is accused of raping and fondling a girl, beginning in 1994, when she was seven years old.

The 43-year-old Steele is charged with 60 counts of aggravated sexual battery and 61 counts of rape of a child.

The TBI says Steele resigned from the police force after the investigation began, although it isn't clear whether the resignation and the probe are connected.

Steele is held in the Robertson County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

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