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WOODBRIDGE -- For the third time in the past decade, a former Woodbridge police officer will be tried on charges that he sexually assaulted a teenage boy, according to a report by **MyCentralJersey.com**.

The report said retrial comes nearly a year after a state appeals court overturned a guilty conviction against 49-year-old Douglas Karlson on allegations that he assaulted an underage boy and took inappropriate photos of a 15-year-old girl.



Douglas Karlson at the Middlesex County Court in 2006. The former Woodbridge police officer will stand trial for the third time on charges that he sexually assaulted a teenage boy between 1994 and 1997.

In his original trial in July 2006, Karlson was convicted of official misconduct and endangering the welfare of a child for allegedly taking photos of the girl, but the jury could not decide whether or not the ex-cop was guilty in the assaults on the young boy.

Karlson was found guilty of the assaults during a retrial in December of 2006, and sentenced to





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serve 17 years in prison for both crimes in February of 2007. But during last year's appeal, the courts decided Karlson should have been tried separately for each crime.

Karlson will also be retried for the alleged incident with the young girl, but a trial date has not been set yet, according to the report.

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