

Ex-Marysville cop to stand trial on sex charges

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The former Marysville police officer accused of molesting or propositioning girls while on duty will stand trial on charges including unlawful contact with minors, sexual assault, indecent assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a person with mental disabilities and corruption of minors.

Robert J. Pavlovich Jr., 39, of the 3900 block of Gettysburg Road, Lower Allen Twp., was ordered to stand trial after a hearing today in Juniata County. He was fired from the police department in November and is out on bail.

In October, a statewide investigative grand jury in Harrisburg accused Pavlovich of molesting or propositioning 14 girls, ages 12 to 17, and a 19-year-old mentally challenged woman.

During Pavlovich's seven years as an officer in Marysville, he is accused of allowing girls to have marijuana in his presence and failed to charge a girl after she asked for money to buy crack, records state.

He also is accused of altering the results of Breathalyzer tests for girls at underage drinking parties in Rye Twp., failing to arrest a drug dealer as a favor to a girl and encouraging girls to meet him at night after curfew, according to court records.

Three suits have been fired against Marysville by the alleged victims, who contend Marysville officials did not do enough to protect them from the police officer.

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