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Springfield Police Department officer Pedro J. Martinez is brought to Hampden County Superior Court Monday to face 25 charges involving sexual crimes.

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



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SPRINGFIELD - A 20-year city police officer was ordered held on \$250,000 cash or surety after he pleaded innocent Monday to 25 counts of sexual crimes involving three victims, including two of his biological daughters.

Assistant District Attorney John Compton had asked for bail of \$250,000 cash, with no surety option, saying Pedro J. Martinez faces such long sentences if convicted that he has an incentive to flee.

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Martinez was re-arrested after investigative officers became aware of new allegations.

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Raipher D. Pellegrino, Martinez's lawyer, asked that he remain free on the \$25,000 bail set in District Court when Martinez was arraigned on three counts of forcible rape of a child and three counts of incest.

"He maintains his innocence," Pellegrino said.

Hampden Superior Court Judge Bertha D. Josephson said that the court must make bail decisions on the likelihood of a defendant to appear in court if released on bail, and added the surety option to Compton's request.

If Martinez is released he will be on electronic monitoring with a zero curfew as he has been since release on bail on the District Court charges, and he must have no contact with the victims.

A pre-trial hearing will be held July 21.

Outside the courtroom after the arraignment, Springfield police Special Victims Unit Lt. Cheryl C. Clapprood said the investigation was very difficult in part because "we have known him for so long."

She said that the man before the court Monday is not the man fellow officers thought they knew.

Clapprood said she was not sure whether there would be any more victims coming forward, but she expects there will be more evidence. The third victim is a female who lived in Martinez' house for a time, she said.

She said the investigation encompasses events as far back as 1985.

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Gee look at Pedros face, he looks like his lips are swollen from over use and are worn out. And although you can't tell by the picture he seemed to be walking funny, like he was in pain from something below. Poor, poor Pedro. Life in prison is fair for you.

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Hopefully this piece of trash will never hurt anyone again, physically.

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This is what we have on the streets to protect us.. Thank God for the 2nd Amendment!

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He has that most excellent lawyer, Raper Pellegrino...thought that little squirt was making millions suing the state? Must be his pro bono turn.

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Pretty disgusting that one of springfields finest, is not so fine. Sumbag. He will get his in jail. Lets see how he likes it when he is not in control.

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He looks gay.

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So sad. They're supposed to protect us. I hope he rots in jail.

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Good grief, who is the photographer for the Republican?

It looks like someone poorly photoshopped his head onto his body.

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He didn't look so gay before, but now after some time in prison he sure looks gay. I wonder how the honeymoon went?

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If he is the guy I am thinking of there is this woman who claims she had o-sex with him in a police cruiser and she took pictures on her cell phone. Not to say she isn't just as nasty as him. I wonder if she will be coming forward as well. She bragged about it to someone I know.

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Wow, nice picture. He looks like he was sent from Central Casting to play a sex offender.

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They will tear him apart in prison! Good!

He claims he's innocent, yet there's substantial evidence implicating him!

He should be given the maximum sentence.

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D-I-S-G-U-S-T-I-N-G!!!!!!!!!!

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it would appear that pedro was working 'hard' toward a post police department career in the film industry, however now he'll likely be pursued, for a different kind of 'role'...

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what's the substantial evidence against him? all i see so far is a bunch of charges...let's see how it all comes out in the end before we rush to judgment based on allegations and/or a bad photo of an accused person...imho...

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