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Officer Accused Of Molesting Girl

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Rene Guillen in bond court

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. -- A Bal Harbour police officer charged with sexually molesting his 7-year old step-niece will remain in jail with no bond, a judge ruled Friday.

Miami-Dade police arrested 32-year-old Rene Guillen late Thursday based on accounts of the girl that prosecutors deemed credible and believable. He appeared in bond court Friday morning wearing the standard orange one-piece uniform from the Miami-Dade County Jail.

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"Usually in situations like this, it's best to wait for the dust to settle, and we can get a better sense of what's going on," said Guillen's attorney, Edward Martinez, in the court hallway Friday morning.

According to the arrest warrant, the girl first confided in her mother after they watched a television program about child abuse. She recounted how, one night in April during a sleepover with her cousin at Guillen's home, her "Tio Rene" asked to see her gymnastics skills without clothing. When she got into bed and under the covers, he joined her there and touched her inappropriately. She explained she was uncomfortable and got dressed according to the