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Former Charleston Police Officer Granted Probation in Online Sex Case; Community Concerned

The former Charleston police officer who pleaded guilty to soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl in Virginia was sentenced to probation on Friday.

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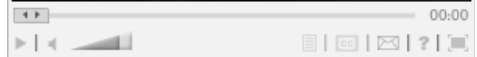
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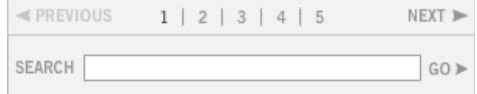
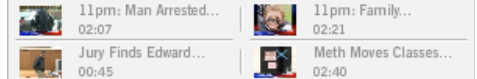
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UPDATE from 6pm 1/25/10

ST. ALBANS, W.Va. (WSAZ) -- News about Sean Patrick is sparking community concern.

After keeping their feelings buttoned up for almost a year, one neighbor is speaking out about the sentence Patrick received.

Almost a year since Patrick was arrested, he remains at home with no jail time and only two years probation.

"I mean that's just a simple slap on the hand," neighbor Shawn Shamblen said. "It's not strict enough."

Shamblen lives just feet from the former Charleston police officer who was planning to have sex with a 14 year old from Virginia.

"There's no rehabilitation for someone who can harm a child or think about harming a child in a sexual manner or physically, emotionally -- or an older adult -- or just somebody defenseless," Shamblen said.

Shamblen says he worries about the safety of his young daughter.

"You know you're supposed to teach the children to look up to these public figures and then -- when we found this out -- it was devastation," he said. "Everytime you see him he's got his head down ... Well I'd have my head down, too, if I had that much shame to be a grown man and to think that a grown man would be capable and doing a crime as such."

The crime went unspoken in this community for months. Shamblen takes precautions, making sure his property is well lit and windows covered at night. He also says it's important to always keep an eye out.

"Awareness ... keep sight of your children. Don't let them for a second be alone," Shamblen said.

UPDATE: 1/25/10

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (WSAZ) -- The former Charleston police officer who pleaded guilty to soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl in Virginia was sentenced to probation on Friday.

According to online court records in Loudoun County, Virginia, Sean Patrick was sentenced to 2 years supervised probation and fined \$405. He was initially sentenced to 2 years in jail, but that was suspended.

Patrick was arrested on the felony charge of propositioning sex from a person under the age

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Patrick was arrested on the felony charge of prearranging sex from a person under the age of 15 last March and pleaded guilty on September 24.

Investigators say Patrick had sexually explicit chats, sent nude pictures, and made plans to meet a teen from Virginia. The girl turned out to be an undercover agent. ([read the graphic transcript of the chat here](#))

**UPDATE: 6/8/09**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WSAZ) -- A Charleston police officer accused of soliciting sex from a minor on the internet was back in court Monday.

Sean Patrick appeared in a Virginia courtroom on Monday.

Patrick is accused of having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures and making plans to meet an underage girl from Virginia. The girl turned out to be an undercover agent.

During the hearing Monday, Patrick's trial date was supposed to be set, but instead a suppression hearing was called for July 23.

Patrick was arrested and charged back in February. He was released on a \$10,000 bond in May.

UPDATE: 5/20/09

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WSAZ) -- A Charleston police officer accused of soliciting sex from a minor on the internet was indicted on the charges in Virginia.

Sean Patrick was indicted for soliciting a minor between 15 years old and 18 years old.

The indictment was filed on Monday and Patrick answered the indictment during a hearing Tuesday.

Patrick was arrested in Charleston back in February for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures and making plans to meet a girl from Virginia. The girl turned out to be an undercover agent.

Patrick is expected back in court on June 8.

UPDATE: 5/12/09

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (WSAZ) -- The Charleston Police officer accused of soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl on the Internet is out of jail.

An official at the Loudoun County, Va., Detention Center tells WSAZ.com that Sean Patrick posted a \$10,000 bond last Friday (May 8).

The case against Patrick is expected to go to the grand jury on Monday.

Patrick was arrested and charged in February for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures, and making plans to meet a 14-year-old girl from Virginia. The girl turned out to be an undercover agent. ([read the graphic transcript of the chat here](#))

WSAZ.com left a message with the Loudoun County prosecutor handling the case to see if any conditions were attached to Patrick's bond, but the call was not immediately returned.

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UPDATE: 5/4/09

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (WSAZ) -- The case against a Charleston Police officer accused of soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl on the Internet is moving on to the grand jury.

Sean Patrick's case was bound over to circuit court in Loudoun County, Va., on April 22, according to the Virginia Courts website. The case was initially set for a preliminary hearing on May 5.

Patrick was arrested and charged in February for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures, and making plans to meet a 14-year-old girl from Virginia. The girl turned out to be an undercover agent. ([read the graphic transcript of the chat here](#))

Patrick's grand jury hearing is now set for May 18 at 9 a.m. in Loudoun County.

Patrick remains in the Loudoun County Detention Center.

Keep clicking on WSAZ.com for the latest on this case.

UPDATE: 3/10/09

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (WSAZ) -- A bond hearing that was set for Tuesday in Virginia for a Charleston Police officer accused of soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl on the Internet has been postponed until Thursday.

Sean Patrick was originally expected to appear in court on Tuesday.

Patrick was arrested and charged last month for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures, and making plans to meet a 14-year-old girl from Virginia. It turned out the girl was an undercover agent.

A court spokesperson from Virginia tells WSAZ.com the bond hearing has been postponed until March 12 at 1:00 p.m.

A preliminary hearing has also been scheduled for Patrick on May 5. That's when a judge will determine if there is enough



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A preliminary hearing has also been scheduled for Patrick on May 11, at which time a judge will determine if there is enough probable cause to send the case from the General District Court to a grand jury.

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UPDATE @ 2:30 p.m. on 3/9/09

A hearing for a Charleston Police officer accused of soliciting sex from a 14-year-old girl on the Internet was postponed until Tuesday.

Sean Patrick was expected to be arraigned on the charges at 11:00 a.m. Monday, but a judge continued the hearing until Tuesday. That's when his bond will also be considered.

Sean Patrick was arrested and charged last month for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures, and making plans to meet a 14-year-old girl from Virginia. It turned out the girl was an undercover agent.

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ORIGINAL STORY: 3/9/09

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Sean Patrick was arrested and charged last month for allegedly having sexually explicit chats, sending nude pictures, and making plans to meet a 14-year-old girl from Virginia. It turned out the girl was an undercover agent.

According to Virginia court reports, Patrick is expected to be arraigned on the charges at 11:00 a.m. Monday.

Keep clicking on WSAZ.com for the very latest information.

For more on the story, including the graphic transcript of the chat, [click here for our complete coverage](#).

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Posted by: Greg on Feb 12, 2010 at 11:34 AM

So he asks the undercover if her mother is going to be home and if he can be her "first"...yet he doesn't think he was talking to a young girl? Ok I believe that lol. <http://wasdmz2.courts.state.va.us/CJISWeb/CaseDetail.do> There's the case link. He tried to get evidence thrown out but wasn't able to do it. There were no emails? Seems like he sent pictures..pictures which were not allowed to be thrown out of court. There was more then the chat room, according to the warrant he talked to her through IM.

Posted by: Banachek on Feb 2, 2010 at 09:30 AM

Does anyone know where one could find the court records online? I found the chat log, but I want the court records. Anyone know?

Posted by: To in the know on Feb 1, 2010 at 10:11 AM

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, the WARRANT You should know that the cops pad these with every thing they can think of. Read what was used in court and you will find that most of it was not allowed. The cop said she wasn't sure that it was the same person that she was talking to each time and she knew that he wasn't going to come to Va. to meet her. Read the court record. Sean said in court that he didn't know that it was the same person that he was emailing and he was in a adult chat room. He didn't believe that he was talking to a 14 year old. There was no emails, phone calls, trips to Va. Just a adult chat room.

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