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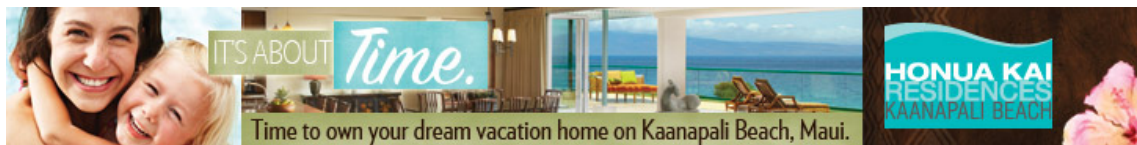
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## TSA officer accused of lewd act on child, bragged about S&M fetish on MySpace

Deputies said he asked victim to be his sex slave.

February 1, 2010 | By Walter Pacheco, Orlando Sentinel

The Orlando International Airport TSA security officer arrested on charges of molesting a minor is a fan of bondage and sadomasochism, according to his MySpace page.

Charles Henry Bennett's MySpace profile identifies him as "Master Charles or Sir." The online page shows the 57-year-old airport security guard has "many years experience" as a bondage and sadomasochism master and is looking to meet people, especially "submissive females."

Officials with the Transportation Security Administration on Monday said Bennett has been working security at the airport since 2002. A spokeswoman at the federal agency said officials are investigating the allegations.

"The Transportation Security Administration is aware of the arrest of an Orlando Transportation Security Officer. TSA takes the allegations very seriously," TSA spokeswoman Sari Koshetz wrote in an e-mail to the Orlando Sentinel. "TSA has initiated an investigation into the facts of this case. We will take all appropriate action to address this situation."

Orange County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Bennett at his Winter Garden home late Thursday night. The arrest report shows the victim, whose age was not disclosed, told deputies Bennett asked her to be his sex slave more than three years ago. She also said he had fondled and kissed her several times against her will.

Department of Children and Families spokeswoman Carrie Hoepfner said officials opened an investigation into the allegations against Bennett on Jan. 25. DCF child-protective service investigators are working to contact the child's biological parents.

Hoepfner said Bennett was in a "caregiver role" at the time of the allegations, but the victim had not been living with him.

"The family already had an alternative living arrangement for the child which best accommodates her individual needs..." Hoepfner said. "So there was no need to place the child in a foster home."

Jail records show he faces a charge of lewd and lascivious molestation of a minor and another count of

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Investigators are looking into the possibility of other charges.

He is being held at the Orange County Jail without bond, records show.

Florida Department of Corrections records do not indicate Bennett has a prior criminal record.

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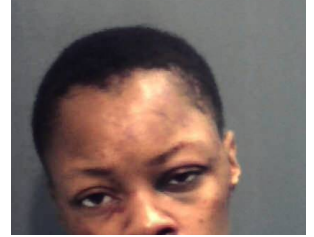
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