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## Miami-Dade Police Officer Arrested

### Officer Accused Of Sexual Battery On A Child

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, Fla.** -- A Miami-Dade police officer was arrested Monday and charged with several counts of sexual battery on a minor.

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Officer Charles Corban, a 20-year veteran of the force, was charged with six counts of sexual battery against a minor. In addition, Corban was charged with one count of lewd and lascivious molestation.

Corban's attorney spoke in bond court Tuesday morning.

"He's put his faith in the system for the last 20 years. He's going to put his faith in the system now to see that the truth comes out, which is what we're all really interested in here," said attorney David Weinstein.

"He's very nice," neighbor Aika Menendez said, "I would never expect that!"

Neighbors said they always felt safe on one Hialeah block because Corban lived next door.

"We'd feel safe thinking there's a cop that lives on your block," neighbor Jessica Gomara said.

The alleged abuse began when the victim was 13 and continued until she was 15. Officers did not say when it happened, who the victim is, or where the alleged molestation took place.

In the arrest report, police said Corban "fondled the victim," "undressed her" and required her to perform various sex acts while in his care.

Corban, 41, was taken into custody at his Hialeah home Sunday night and arrested by sex crimes detectives. One detective said Corban seemed to be more concerned with himself than with the alleged victim.

"The three questions he asked was is he under arrest, what will his bond amount be and when he retires, will his retirement be affected," said Sgt. Anne Bogen, of the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Corban has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of this case.

Police carried out search warrants at Corban's home, confiscating his police-issued motorcycle, uniform and service revolver.

On Tuesday morning, Corban's bond was set at \$160,000. He was ordered to surrender his passport and stay away from minors. In addition, he will be under house arrest and will wear a monitoring bracelet.

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