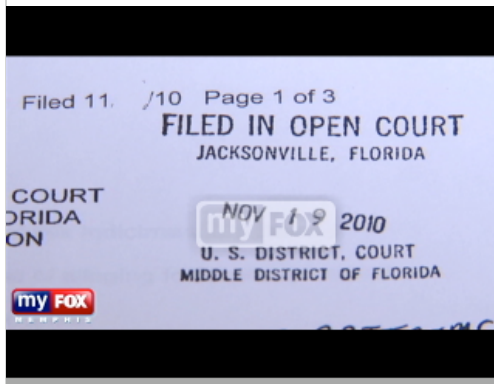


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## Customs Officer Arrested for Sex with a Minor

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. - He was hired by the U.S. Government as a customs and borders officer. Now, 35-year old Dennis Dixon who works out of the Memphis office is indicted for driving to Florida to illicit sex with a minor.

The Department of Justice says over a year's span, Dixon drove from Memphis to Jacksonville, Florida. All of this, authorities say started in 2007.

The federal indictment against 35-year old Dixon was handed down in Florida back in November. According to

the indictment, Dixon who works as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer out of Memphis knowingly traveled in interstate commerce to Jacksonville, Florida to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor who had not reached the age of 16.

The indictment lists that person's initials as L.A. Federal authorities say the activity happened between July 2007 and August of 2008. He was arrested in Memphis.

We're told several federal agencies assisted in this investigation, including the department of homeland security, the FBI and the office of inspector general.

According to his Facebook page, he once worked for the IRS as well. We stopped by the Department of Justice office Monday afternoon, called the U.S. Attorney's office, as well as the sheriff's office down in Jacksonville, Florida, but no one would comment on the case.

Authorities did however mention in the press release that the case is part of Project Safe Childhood. A national initiative implemented in 2006 to protect children from abuse and exploitation.

Dixon is scheduled to appear in court here in Memphis for a removal hearing on December 21st. The hearing will determine if the case should be moved to Florida.

A source tells FOX13 he is currently out on a \$10,000 bond and has not returned to work. If convicted, he faces up to 30 years in prison.

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