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U.S. Marshals Seek Former Ark. Deputy

Former Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Neil Wilson Faces Rape Charge

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. -- U.S. Marshals said former Washington County Sheriff's Office deputy Gary Neil Wilson, 42, is wanted on charges of rape involving a minor. The warrant for his arrest states that "there are reasonable grounds for believing Wilson engaged in sexual intercourse or deviate [sic] sexual activity with a minor." Marshals and Washington County Sheriff's Office officials declined to discuss any further the specifics of the charges against Wilson.

Marshals said he has also been placed on the 'Most Wanted' list because he is a former law enforcement officer.

The U.S. Marshal's office said they normally might not choose to investigate as case like this one, but said they believe Wilson's past might make him more dangerous than an average fugitive.

"He's not a current employee. He's a former employee. He has law enforcement experience. He has knowledge of law enforcement tactics and logistics. He has knowledge of firearms, and the U.S. Marshal Service considers him a dangerous individual," said Dewaine Allen, with the U.S. Marshals.

The warrant for Wilson was issued in Washington County, but marshals said they are considering filing for a federal warrant.

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