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Sheriff's lieutenant also charged with sex crimes on children under 12 (MUG)

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Angel McCurdy Daily News

NAVARRE — A Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office lieutenant arrested Tuesday face additional charges, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

John Mitchell Tomlinson, 46, of Navarre, has been charged with five counts of sexual battery on a child under 12, according to a news release from the FDLE.

Tomlinson originally was charged with 120 counts of sexual battery on a child between the ages of 12 and 18, the news release said.

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Tomlinson is being held at the Walton County Jail on \$500,000 bond. His arraignment is scheduled for Tuesday in DeFuniak Springs.

According to Janie Ward with the Santa Rosa Clerk of Courts, Santa Rosa judges have recused themselves from the case.

Tomlinson was head of court security at the time of his arrest. He was taken to Walton County Jail because of the change of venue for his court hearings.

Walton County Circuit Judge Kelvin C. Wells has been assigned the case.

The state attorney's office will prosecute.

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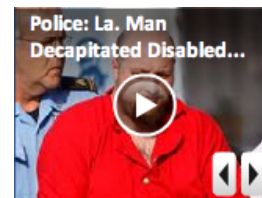
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I'm glad they gave him addition charges and not multiplication charges. Doesn't anyone at the paper proof read these stories before they're posted.



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Pervert!  
Lock him up, toss the key, let his fellow perverts provide his food and clothing. I certainly don't want to pay for this a\$\$hole's upkeep.



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I sure don't like this trend we have going of our lawmakers being criminals themselves :(



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Oops: I should have written "Law Enforcement." But, now that I think about it, "lawmakers" applies too!



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One-Hundred and Twenty-Five Counts... Wow.



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Tomlinson's bond has been set at \$500,000. He is being held at the Walton County Jail.  
???  
WHY Walton County? Do they think he'll be safer from 'jailhouse justice' in a different county? I sure hope he's not.

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If this is true, and it probably is, what a sick bastard! I say he is a candidate for my idea of true life sentence (total lockdown, no visitation, no TV, no commissary, no recreation). Just wait in solitary for God's end to his unnatural life.



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irishgirl...why stop there. I vote for no food either!!!



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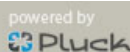
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What is wrong with people anyway? That guy looks wholesome enough...

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