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Retired deputy charged with sex assault of child

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Paul Briones, 53, who already has been charged with improper sexual relationship with an inmate, now is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child. Photo: Harris County Sheriff's Office / HC

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A retired Harris County Sheriff's deputy who was accused in April of having a sexual relationship with a female inmate was charged today with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child.

Paul Briones, 53, has pleaded not guilty to the April charge of improper sexual relationship with an inmate and maintains his innocence, his attorney [Lisa Andrews](#) said. Andrews would not comment on today's charges because

she had not been hired on the case and was not authorized to speak.

Donna Hawkins, a spokeswoman for the Harris County District Attorney's office declined to comment on the new charges because Briones has not been arraigned.

Briones retired from law enforcement in January after 26 years of working in the jail and the criminal courthouse, according to sheriff's spokeswoman [Christina Garza](#).

Briones is free on \$2,000 bail.

Garza said Briones has not yet turned himself in on the new charges.

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