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## Bail set at \$500K Stearns Co. sheriff's deputy

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St. Cloud, Minn. (AP) — Prosecutors have charged a Stearns County sheriff's sergeant with 19 felonies, including 18 counts of criminal sexual conduct.

The St. Cloud Times reports that Stearns County District Court Judge Frederick Grunke on Monday set unconditional bail at \$500,000 for 40-year-old Phillip Jerome Meemken.

Prosecutors allege that on several occasions Meemken supplied teenagers with alcohol then performed sex acts on them when they were drunk.

Meemken was in charge of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office's Explorer Post, which teaches young people about law enforcement. Two of the alleged victims were in the group.

Meemken's attorney, Cynthia Vermeulen, told the judge there is "ample evidence that controverts" the allegations.

Meemken is on paid leave.

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