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Stearns County Sheriff's Deputy faces charges

A Stearns County Sheriff's Deputy faces 21 felony charges including 18 counts of criminal sexual conduct. Deputy Phillip Jerome Meemken, 40, was arrested Monday in St. Cloud.

Meemken is currently in the Crow Wing County Jail to avoid jailing him at his place of employment and be under the supervision of his co-workers.

Expand According to the criminal complaint filed Monday in Stearns County, the three alleged victims include two juvenile next previous of Meemken and another juvenile acquaintance. Close

Previous One of the alleged victims contacted the Stearns County Sheriff's Office to report a series of sexual assaults which of the allegedly took place over an 18-month period from July 2008 to December 2009. None of the alleged incidents Next appear to have occurred while Meemken was on duty with the Sheriff's Office.

Meemken was placed on paid administrative leave Dec. 10, 2009, the day the first victim reported the alleged assault. On that same day, the Stearns County Sheriff's Office asked the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to investigate the allegations.

Meemken is a 17-year veteran of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, and has been a sergeant for the past three years.

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