



Prosecutor: Abuse by retired officer could extend back 30 years

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BOISE -- We are learning much more about the former Boise Police officer accused of lewd conduct with children.

Stephen Young, 58, appeared before an Ada County judge Monday afternoon.

Young worked for the Boise Police Department for more than 30 years and as a school resource officer for 10 years.

We learned in court Monday that the investigation against him dates back 30 years.

Young appeared before the judge through video conferencing, dressed in a dark blue uniform from the jail.

He did not make any comments and barely had any reaction when the judge formally read the charges against him.

Prosecutors say those charges include four counts of lewd conduct dating back to 2005, and as recent as 2008. The four victims are children ranging in ages from one month old to 21 months old.

We also learned that more charges are expected.

The prosecutor says they know of 13 people who have come forward saying they too were victimized by Young.

Boise Police say that Young was an elementary school resource officer assigned to several elementary schools on the Boise Bench from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, he moved to South Junior High, and then on to Boise High until 2005.

A spokesperson for the police department says there is no implication that the criminal allegations had anything to do with Young being an officer.

Detectives arrested him on Friday just five days after he retired from the Boise Police Department.

The spokesperson says there were no allegations made while Young was still employed.

Young turned himself in after he retired.

Authorities say the abuse could extend back 30 years and more victims are being identified.

The prosecutor would not explain or elaborate anymore because this is an ongoing investigation. More charges are expected.

The judge set Young's bond at \$250,000 and ordered him not to have any contact with the victims.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 22.