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Retired Minneapolis Park Police Head Accused of Sexual Abuse of Boy

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MINNEAPOLIS - A retired Minneapolis Park Police official has been charged with criminal sexual conduct for the alleged sexual abuse of a 15-year-old boy over the last three years.

Retired Capt. William A. Jacobs, 66, of Deephaven, Minnesota was booked into the jail Thursday night. Jacobs was charged Friday with two counts of criminal sexual conduct for the alleged sexual abuse of a boy on several weekend trips.

According to the criminal complaint, on Jan. 17 the boy told his mother Jacobs had been sexually abusing him since her was 12-vears-old.

The boy said he went on a camping trip with Jacobs in the summer of 2007, during which he woke up in the middle of the night to Jacobs touching him inappropriately.

In the fall of 2007, the boy said he took more trips with Jacobs. The pair would spend the day together doing an activity, then watch a movie at night. The boy said Jacobs showed him pornography on his computer, bring him into his bedroom and sexually abuse him.

The boy estimated roughly 28 episodes of sexual abuse between the fall of 2007 and spring of 2008. The sexual abuse allegedly escalated in the summer of 2008 and spring of 2009 on more trips.

"The charges are disturbing especially since this is an individual who was trusted by so many," said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, "If people have information relevant to this case, I urge them to contact the sheriff's office.

The boy provided police with a written account of his allegations, along with dates of weekend he spent with Jacobs. The boy also placed a monitored phone call to Jacobs in which he said he was afraid he contracted a sexually transmitted disease. On the call, Jacobs assured the boy he was "clean" and didn't have an STD.

Investigators executed a search warrant on Jacobs' home, collecting biological evidence and examining his computer.

Jacobs remains in jail. If convicted, he faces up to 30 years in prison on each count.

Jacobs retired from his position with the Minneapolis Park Police in May 2001 and has spent time in teaching positions and as a camp counselor.

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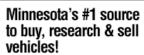
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