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## **Tompkinsville officer arraigned on sex charges** **(<http://glasgowdailytimes.com/local/x1810036795/Tompkinsville-officer-arraigned-on-sex-charges>)**

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TOMPKINSVILLE — A Tompkinsville police officer accused in sex-related charges was arraigned in Monroe County Circuit Court on Thursday morning.

Darrell Ford, 57, of Tompkinsville, entered a not guilty plea to first-degree sodomy, first-degree sexual abuse and another sex-related charge. He is accused of having sexual contact by force with a child under the age of 16, according to the indictment.

Special prosecutor Matthew Leveridge, from Russell County, provided discovery, including medical records from the complaining witness, to Ford's attorney, Ken Garrett. Leveridge was appointed by the court because the commonwealth's attorney for Monroe County, Jesse Stockton, had a conflict of interest. He had worked on previous cases with Ford, according to prior reporting by the Daily Times.

A pre-trial conference was scheduled for July 20.

Garrett had no comment on the case and Leveridge could not be reached for comment.

Ford had been placed on administrative leave with pay since Aug. 27, 2009, as the result of a pending investigation.

The Tompkinsville City Commission initially learned there was an investigation of Ford on Aug. 27, 2009, just hours before he was placed on leave, according to a previous story.

He was suspended by the city without pay after he was indicted. According to a press release after he was charged, Ford will be terminated by the city if the charges are not resolved within six months by dismissal or acquittal.

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