



## Ex-LaPorte County cop now charged with child molesting

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LAPORTE COUNTY | A former LaPorte County sheriff's deputy held police at bay for four hours Tuesday when officers attempted to arrest him on additional child sex crime allegations.

Officers came to the home of David Oldham about 3 p.m. with an arrest warrant for felony child molesting charge that had just been authorized by LaPorte Circuit Court Judge Tom Alevizos.

He's accused of molesting a young boy.

Oldham, 42, was admitted to IU Health LaPorte Hospital after the standoff at his residence outside LaPorte was over.

Michigan City Police Chief Mark Swistek said Oldham was taken to the hospital due to concerns about his well-being. Oldham resigned from the sheriff's department in September after his initial arrest.

Michigan City Police Detective Andrew Paull had testified during a probable cause hearing that the boy told his mother Oldham had fondled him.

Oldham began acting erratically when Michigan City police showed up at his home, then officers saw a handgun. Oldham eventually agreed to surrender. He is charged in U.S. District Court in South Bend with possession of child pornography and evidence tampering. Oldham also has four felony counts of possession of child pornography still pending in LaPorte Circuit Court.

Charges were first brought in July after 70 images of children engaged in sex acts or in various stages of nudity allegedly were found on his home computer.

According to LaPorte Circuit Court documents, the investigation by Indiana State Police began after concerns were expressed by his wife about his relationship with a 12-year old boy from his subdivision.