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David Eugene Williams (39)
committed suicide in
Kentucky while on bond for
sex charges out of Brevard
County, Florida

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The case against David Eugene Williams is finally closed. Prosecutors in Brevard County withdrew the charges of soliciting a minor for sex, and the court discharged the case July 18th. They had no choice, since Williams took his own life in March.

It all began in September 2010 when David Williams befriended a man online who said he was having sex with his own 14 year-old daughter. In short order, the Kentucky resident revealed a shocking secret about himself... he was a police officer.

"I'm actually a cop, but a cool one that likes young girls." he wrote in an Instant Messenger chat.

According to police affidavits, Williams occasionally communicated with his cyber friend via cell phone, while on duty at the Radcliff Police Department. Police said Williams also wrote that he wished he had a daughter of his own and that while 14-year-old girls were his ideal, he'd also fantasized about girls who were much younger. He also chatted directly online with "Brooke", the teen victim.

But Brooke and her perpetrating dad were the same person - an agent with the Brevard County Sheriff Special Victim's Unit, one of the most potent internet decoy teams in the nation. Investigators convinced Williams to email a photo of himself, which was used to verify his identity with Kentucky State Police.

He was indeed a Lieutenant with a municipal department, in a small town near West Point, Kentucky. The thirty-seven year-old was the son of a retired cop and the father of one child. He had been a volunteer firefighter for twenty years.

In May 2011, after an eight month investigation, Williams was arrested in Kentucky. Charged with Computer Solicitation of a Minor and Soliciting a Parent for Sex With a Child, he was released on bond to fight the charges and await extradition to Florida. Williams a fifteen-year veteran with his department, resigned days later.

On the evening of March 12, 2013, nearly two years after his arrest, his uncle found him dead in his home, the victim of an apparent suicide.

For the next two months the case against him ground slowly to a halt. Like slamming the brakes on a super tanker the administrative channel markers passed by, post-mortem: Notice To

Appear, Continue Docket Sounding, Death Certificate, Nolle Prosequi; and finally, on July 18th, a Certificate of Discharge - the end of the line.

One week later, Sheriff Wayne Ivey announced the conclusion of operation "Sand Spider", the latest online sweep for the Brevard pedophile hunters. Eleven, new suspects from across the state were arrested in the sting operation.

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