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Judges Refuses to Lower Bail for Haines City Police Officer

Haines City's Demetrius Condry remains in Polk County Jail.



Demetrius Lamar Condry stands before Judge Robert L. Williams Jr., via closed circuit TV at the Polk County Jail in Bartow, Florida. Condry, 25, was arrested early Thursday on charges of sexual battery by a law enforcement officer, lewd battery and official misconduct.

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BARTOW | A judge refused to lower bail Friday for a Haines City police officer accused of receiving sexual favors from a 15-year-old girl while on duty.

Demetrius Lamar Condry must still post \$700,000 bail to get out of jail.

Condry, 25, was arrested Thursday on charges of sexual battery by a law enforcement officer, lewd battery and official misconduct.

Investigators say Condry's friend, Paul Rosoan Aaron Jr., forced the girl to perform sex acts on the officer "for free so that in return (Aaron) would receive special favors from officer Condry in the future if he ever

needed one," according to arrest reports.

Aaron, a Polk County school bus monitor, is accused of forcing two teenage runaways to work as prostitutes in his home.

He faces multiple criminal charges, including sex trafficking and bribery. He remains in jail with bail set at \$905,000.

During Friday's first appearance hearing for Condry, his lawyer, Lawrence Shearer, said his client doesn't have a prior criminal history and isn't a flight risk because his family lives in Polk County and he doesn't have a passport.

Shearer said Condry has submitted a letter of resignation.

He described Condry's charges as "serious" but added his very high bail amount was unreasonable.

Assistant State Attorney Mark Levine argued Condry might flee because he faces up to 50 years in prison if convicted as charged.

Levine said Condry showed a "brazen attitude" by having sex with the girl while in uniform and on duty. The girl told detectives that she had sex with the officer at least 20 times.

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