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# Man told police sex with sheriff's deputy started when he was 17

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FLORENCE, Ore. - A longtime sheriff's office employee who resigned after a sex abuse investigation carried on a sexual relationship with a young man he first met when the boy was 15, according to police interviews with the man.

The sexual contact began when the boy was 17 and continued after he turned 18, he told police.

Sgt. Fred Swank resigned from the Lane County Sheriff's Office on April 1, 2011, after more than two decades with the office. The allegations came to light in January 2011 but date back to the late 1990s.

The Eugene Police Department investigated the allegations as possible sex abuse. The district attorney's office determined the incident happened too long ago to prosecute.

At the time of Swank's resignation, Sheriff Tom Turner declined to identify the gender or age of the person who reported the incident.


But some of the details are in dozens of heavily redacted pages of police reports on interviews with former members of the Explorer Scout Post at the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Names of people and places were blacked out prior to the release of the documents

In addition to the man who said he had a long-term sexual relationship with Swank, another person interviewed by police said Swank had touched him inappropriately at times. Another recalled breaking off an embrace with Swank and saying he was "not into that sort of thing."

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The people interviewed by police also had praise for Swank. The same person who broke off the embrace recalled his own father being pleased he had become friends with Swank and the other Explorers because they weren't "pinheads."

Swank fostered a "safe environment to hang out with friends without the opportunity to involve oneself in bad, self-destructive behavior."

Many of the people recalled Swank had strict rules against minors consuming alcohol, including the man who said he had sex with Swank.

That man said the sex always happened at Swank's home in Florence, Ore. He "always knew when Swank wanted to have sex because Swank would lock the screen door from inside" and "considered the sex as just a part of being Swank's friend."

He told police that after a while, he considered the sex a "chore."

However, he told police he did not want to see Swank hurt and did not want to press charges.

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Many of the people interviewed by police referred to themselves or others as Swank's "golden children." The man who had sex with Swank told police that, in retrospect, he believed Swank had been grooming him.

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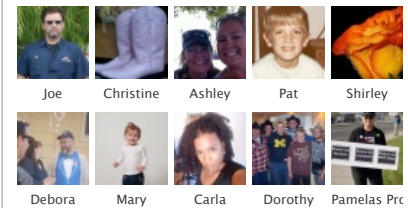
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