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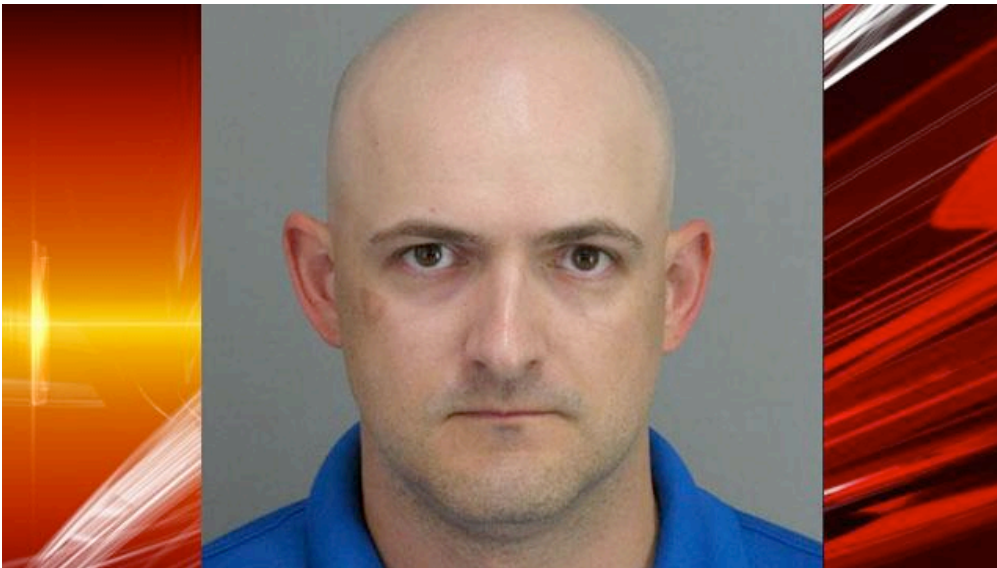
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Harold Glenn Phillips

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) -- A recently fired officer of the Cherokee County jail has been charged with a sex crime involving a 7-year-old girl.

Cherokee County Sheriff Steve Mueller says 36-year-old Harold Glenn Phillips of Gaffney has been charged by the State Law Enforcement Division with first-degree criminal sexual assault with a minor under age 11.

Mueller says the child's mother reported the allegations in July. SLED was asked to investigate because of Phillips' job. The sheriff says Mueller was fired after failing a polygraph test. Mueller has worked at the jail since July 2009.

The sheriff says Mueller was transferred to the Spartanburg County

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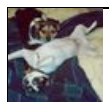
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