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Former Tyrone Police Officer Sentenced to 140 Years

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FAYETTE COUNTY, Ga - A former Tyrone police officer was sentenced to 140 years in prison Wednesday morning after being convicted of child molestation and sexual exploitation of a minor.

Matthew Anthony New, 40 of Tyrone, was sentenced by Fayette County Superior Court Judge Crawford for the November 2007 crime. He was convicted Tuesday on 35 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, 2 counts of child molestation, and 1 count of enticement of a minor.

Investigators started looking into accusations against New in February of 2008 when family members had come forward saying he had inappropriate contact with two children under 16. Police seized New's computer and sent it off to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for analysis. The GBI found inappropriate pictures of those two minors on his hard drive.

Matthew Anthony New, 40 of Tyrone, was sentenced Wednesday, May 11, 2011 to 140 years in prison following his convictions of crimes against two minors.

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New, who was a police officer with the city of Tyrone for almost seven years, resigned just weeks after being put on administrative leave during the investigation.

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