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Richard Calvino, 59, was scheduled for trial last week before Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Hayden in Morgan County. Calvino faces felony charges of first degree sexual abuse, sodomy, first degree deviate sexual assault, first degree sexual assault with a victim age 14 or 15, and second degree deviate sexual assault with a victim age 16.

The case has bounced from Camden to Morgan County and has been scheduled to go to trial at least three times.

Calvino was arrested and charged in Camden County in 2011. Calvino waived his preliminary hearing in Camden County. The case was moved to Morgan County on a change of venue at the request of Calvino's defense attorney.

Calvino, an officer with the Osage Beach Police Department, is accused of having sexual contact with an underage girl between 1984 and 1990. The child was between the ages of 11 and 17 when the alleged incidents took place. In late Jan. 2010, a psychological therapist from Pinellas Park, Fla., contacted the Camden County Sheriff's Office to report allegations of sexual contact between Calvino and the victim. Camden County Sheriff Dwight Franklin handed over the investigation to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The therapist reported a clients had undergone hypnosis that caused suppressed memories to surface.

In 2010, the alleged victim had conversations with Calvino by phone, email and in person that investigators recorded and preserved for evidence. A Highway Patrol investigator interviewed Calvino in Jefferson City at the Missouri Highway Patrol Troop F headquarters on Dec. 9, 2010. Calvino denied having any sexual relations with the girl. According to the document, "Calvino also stated he was not the type of person to do such a thing."

According to a probable cause statement written by Highway Patrol Sgt. C.W. Wirths, the alleged victim stated that she began seeing the Florida therapist in May 2009. Part of her therapy brought up memories of the victim being "molested by Calvino" between the ages of 11 and 18. The victim "stated she had shut these memories out of her mind because of the guilt but as a result of the therapy (the memories) resurfaced."

Calvino pleaded not guilty to the charges when he was arraigned. He later waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Calvino has continued to work for the Osage Beach Police Department.

Allegations from the probable cause statement

- The victim began babysitting for the Calvino family when she was 11. She alleges that Calvino, then approximately 31, began touching her and performing sexual acts.
- When the victim was 15 or 16, Calvino was teaching her how to drive a car at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The victim alleges Calvino would force her to perform sexual acts before he would teach her to drive
- Calvino allegedly hurt his knee while having sex with the teenager at his home on a waterbed.
- The victim alleges there was inappropriate sexual contact with Calvino while he was on duty in an Osage Beach police car. Calvino was approximately 36 years old at the time. The girl was 16 or 17.
- The probable cause statement included an explanation that the victim "looked up to Calvino as a father figure and would confide in him about problems she was having."



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