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## Former Gautier police officer indicted on sex-crime charges

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PASCAGOULA -- A Jackson County grand jury has indicted a former Gautier police officer of 12 counts of touching of a child for lustful purposes and three counts of sexual battery, according to court records.

Robert Brian Hill, 44 and a 13-year veteran police officer, first was arrested in September on the 15 felony charges accusing him of having sex with a minor or touching her inappropriately while in a position of authority.

The alleged incidents, all involving a minor under the age of 14, occurred at different times between March 1 and July 3. At the time of his arrest in September, Hill had worked in Gautier for three years. Pascagoula police officers assisted Gautier in the investigation.

Hill had worked for two years as a patrol officer in Gautier. In May, he was assigned to work as an agent at the Narcotics Task Force of Jackson County. Hill remained a narcotics agent until he was placed on administrative leave on July 17 as a result of the investigation into allegations against him.

Immediately after his arrest, Hill was taken to the Jackson County jail, where his bond was set at a total of \$150,000. He's currently out of jail on bond.

Hill is tentatively set to go to trial on May 7 in Jackson County, records show.

Prior to working in Gautier, Hill was a police officer in Philadelphia, Miss. Prior to that, authorities said he served as a law enforcement officer at agencies in Sebastian County, Ark., and in McNairy County, Tenn.

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That's kinda funny, a child molester locking up a child molester. Do they take turns as keyturning? Probably so since it's Jackson County.

And No, sonarman, not afraid of being locked up in jail, been there and done that in my younger days. Definately not for sick sex crimes. How about you since I assume you're from Jackson County where that sickness seems to be spreading in all areas there.

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**hal0113**

These are "alleged" incidents. Innocent until proven guilty, as EVERY one of us would want to be. People don't realize that sometimes, people are accused of crimes they did not commit, just because someone wants them out of the way or to get back at them for something they think they did to them. Sex crimes, while terrible, horrible and unforgiving if/when they happen, are some of the easiest charges use. People don't think about the consequences of their actions (not only to the accused, but also their friends, family and co-workers) and others are frequently quick to jump on the guilty band wagon without knowing circumstances or details.

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Actually, he is GUILTY. Knowing the individuals involved and what has been found will slam those bars home.

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I'd rather see the indictment affidavit(s) before I'd make a blanket statement about who "committed" what.

All too often there's an ex-wife, jilted girlfriend, or mad mother-in-law making the claims which are later shown to be unfounded, whether a person in a position of trust is involved, or not...

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