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Ex-Maine police officer charged in child sex case

Opinion

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON — A former Maine police officer is facing 10 felony charges that he had sexual contact with a Franklin County girl under age 12.

Thirty-nine-year-old Steve Goozey of Coplin Planation was indicted Thursday on the charges that stem from the alleged contact with the girl that occurred between June of 2006, and May of last year.

Goozey worked for the Carrabassett Valley Police Department for about three months in

Chief Scott Nichols tells the Sun Journal of Lewiston Goozey was let go due to unrelated circumstances

Goozev was first arrested in March.

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Post as ... Showing 24 comments Sort by Popular now ♦ Subscribe by email Subscribe by RSS Real-time updating is enabled. (Pause) EVOC4life 2 months ago Why is it that this headline is (Ex-Police Officer Charged in Child Sex Case)??? If he was a bank manager or a UPS driver or a Cumberland Farms worker.... it wouldnot outline his PREVIOUS job.... Not to mention I'm sure he was only a part timer... and there is a big difference between a Maine part timer and a Maine full timer... TiredMainer and 6 more liked this Like Reply Kristina 2 months ago in reply to EVOC4life How do you know it wouldn't be called attention to if he was anything other than a police officer? I'm sure if his offence was relevent to his job they would have called attention to it... Really wishing there was a dislike button here... It's almost like you're making excuses for him? Just saying..... 2 people liked this. Like Reply Guest 2 months ago in reply to EVOC4life there is a difference???in power??please explain the difference when it comes to sexual abuse 1 person liked this. Like Reply Tabitha Bragdon 2 months ago Apparently no type of profession is sacred. It seems like this is happening more and more everywhere. Honestly, I don't get the appeal of a 12 year old. This is just sick. I hope he gets more than a slap on the wrist. This was clearly an abuse of power. swolf13 and 4 more liked this Like Reply AKMainelac 2 months ago in reply to Tabitha Bragdon Anytime an adult has sex with a child, it's an abuse of power. That is exactly why it is illegal. Doesn't make any difference what the adult does for a living, it's an abuse of power. Like Reply Michelle102 2 months ago in reply to Tabitha Bragdon Where in the story does it state that he was a police officer when the alleged crimes took place? What power are you refering to, that of an adult over a child? Surely you must be "assuming" it must have been while he was a cop. It was more likely he became a cop after this took place and was soon vetted out by Chief Nochols as his true colors were probably reflected in his work. The Sentinel just ties "Cop" and "Molester" for a sensational story. Sort of like Speakinpeace does for every story about cops regardless if it has anything to do with a sex assault or not. Like Reply AKMainelac 2 months ago

Certainly no defense for this individual and his conduct from here. Once tried and convicted he should face the full weight of the law. That said, this fool is 39 years old and worked for three months for the PD in Carabassett Valley? Three months? Out of 39 years, he's an "ex-cop" from working for three months as a police officer in a

Would have been more accurate to have titled the article, "Ex-student charged in child sex case.", as he was most like a student for at least 12 years... a much more significant part of his life than he spent in law enforcement.

Anyone who tries to make some kind of social or political hay with this over "law enforcement" is going to come up pretty short actually... was he even certified as a reserve officer, or was he awaiting training?

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Guest 2 months ago in reply to AKMainelac

so whats your thought on the state trooper who I might add was a 20 year police officer, and clearly fulltime, just as I THOUGHT

Like Reply



AKMainelac 2 months ago in reply to Guest

If he did what he's accused of, toss him in jail and throw away the key. But like anyone else, wait until he's convicted...

I don't see the connection with law enforcement honestly. I was unaware they were teaching child molesting at the academy. Among the other things you and the rest of the cop haters giggle with glee over every time an officer is accused of. I guess you think there is an orphanage full of clones of Jesus Christ someplace that they get recruits for the academy from when they need them?

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The Equalizer 1 month ago

ok. well, while all the police lovers and defenders are trying to make the police look like they do no wrong. here is some more explaining for you to do.

- (1) http://www.thebollard.com/boll...
- (2) http://www.policeone.com/inves...
- (3) http://behindthebluewall.blogs...
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- (5) http://www.aclu.org/technology...

for the state of maine, google and research the following names:

Ted Ross - Portland Police

Cong Van Nguyen - Portland Police

Jacob Titcomb - Wells Maine & Portland Maine

Matthew Buttrick - Ogunquit Ploice

Brian Regan - Portland PolicePatrick DeCourcey - Portland Policesome of the linked stories above already pertain to these officers, however, there is more information out there, cops hardly ever get held to the same standard that we are expected to be held to as civilians, but is it any suprise when we live in such a hypocrisy, this do as i say not as i do mentality of so called leadership. these are just stories from maine. there are thousands upno thousands of other stories out there. go have a look here www.copblock.org & www.policebrutality.info for more police hypocrisy.

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oldgrump 2 months ago

"....... charges that stem from the alleged contact with the girl that occurred between June of 2006, and May of last year.

Goozey worked for the Carrabassett Valley Police Department for about three months in 2010."

Hmmmm....sooooo...the contact with the minor started in 2006, 4 years before his 3 month stint in 2010. Thus, his having been a "police officer" in the Sugarloaf area is pertinent because......? However, it does make for a great sensationalized head line.

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Tariq Aziz 2 months ago

I would comment, yet I would be banned from the resort...





EVOC4life 2 months ago

An abuse of power.... it say he was an Ex-Police Officer.... read the article! It did not say that he did it on duty or anything like that. You need to rely on facts and not let what you want to think hinder the facts...





AKMainelac 2 months ago in reply to EVOC4life

"Facts"? "Think?"

You have to be aware of the issues surrounding facts and thinking for some folks EVOC. When you have preconceived notions and prejudice you don't need facts, don't need to think. Just shoot your mouth off at every opportunity. Then condemn anyone who disagrees with you as being "one of them".

Like Reply



Guest 2 months ago in reply to AKMainelac

and if we all agreed with you, we would all!!!!! be wrong...

Like Reply



shakes1head 2 months ago

Evoc4 life, I want to agree with you, but he was police officer for 3 months and he could have committed the acts while employed as such, however, you are right, if it was a UPS driver it would not say UPS driver. If they are going to list the 3 long months of his law enforcement employment, they should list what he did for the rest of his adult life for employment. Of course, this just makes for better headlines.

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Guest 2 months ago

evoc4life...It says he was apolice officer for 3 months in 2010,as well the chrges went on until last year..so in fact he was a cop..I wish u would all stop sticking up for the cops and fire fighters and teachers who abuse power.I wonder if youd feel same way if it werre ur child

Like Reply



Michelle102 2 months ago in reply to Guest

Conduct ended in May of 2010. Might he have been a cop in June, July + August? Or Sept., Oct. Nov.? Dont know because that would undermine the sensationalism of the story. Continue to make your ASSumptions.

Like Reply



Kristina 2 months ago in reply to Michelle102

The article leaves room for assumptions... for whatever reasons... If you are going to condemn those who "assume" he was an officer of the law at the time of his offences, then you should also condemn those who assume he wasn't. Point is... You're argument is irrelevent... The subject of the story is "EX" cop did this... Not current cop... or man currently employed as a cop... If you're going to point fingers... You need to know the difference between East and West...

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Guest 2 months ago in reply to Kristina

wow someoen who got my point exactly

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Guest 2 months ago in reply to Michelle102

so if it were your loved one we were talking about here, I suppose its fine as long it didnt happen as a cop.rest my case with you

Like Reply



Michelle102 2 months ago in reply to Guest

No not at all! If he did this then hang him high. Your jumping from one issue (the allegation) to avoid the issue being discussed (relevance of him being a cop for a three month period) while having this act in his past. If it is found that any portion of this act was occurring while he was sworn to an oath then I agree with you 100% Convict him and then hold him accountable more so as far a punishment goes because of his violation of the public trust. I am simply pointing out that until we know for sure (and the Sentinel will never look into it) that this was the case then why tie the two together. I will say that since it appears the Sentinel or whoever repoted the story had quotes in there from Chief Nichols you would think an important fact like 'Was he employed when any of this act was going on?' would occur to the reporter and it probably did but the answer diminished the sensationalism of the story. Better to leave everyone hanging than to say he was employed AFTER this act occurred.

Like Reply



Kristina 2 months ago in reply to Michelle102

The only reason why it IS relevent is that if he was AT ANY POINT an officer of the law is because officers of the law take an oath to serve and protect... Not to molest and destroy! Whether he was a cop before, during, after... For three months three years or three decades... He passed the test... and he shouldn't have. The length of time he spent as an officer is irrelevent. If we can't trust law enforcement with our children... Then something needs to be done about the screening process that results in their acceptance into said position. I get it, nobodies perfect... and there are going to be people who slip through any safety precaution we could take... But this is happening way too often these days and there is no excuse for it. Teachers, police officers... It's time to take a long look at the screening processes we use to hire the people we trust to look after our children.

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AKMainelac 2 months ago in reply to Kristina

Do you know that he "passed the test"? What "test"? Did he even have time to go to the reserve officers' school? Three months wouldn't have gotten through the basic police school at the MCJA.

Screen all you wish to, as much as you wish to. It will still occur from time to time, and there is little anyone can do to stop it. It shouldn't happen, and when it does the hell that rains down on those convicted of it should make anyone else think twice. But it will still happen.

p.s. I think you can largely trust law enforcement, teachers, babysitters, scout leaders, and priests, with your children. The vast majority of kids molested in the world are molested by close and trusted relatives, and family friends. That was likely the "role" of the "ex-law enforcement officer" mentioned in the article commented upon. A close and trusted friend or loved one, who happened to work as a police officer for three months in a rural town in the middle of Nowhere, Maine.

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