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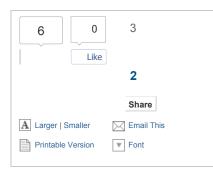**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

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Two Harris deputies arrested, one fired

By Mike Glenn

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Jimmy W. George was charged with felony tampering with a public record. He was arrested early Friday and has been released from the Harris County jail on $2,000 bail.

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Two Harris County sheriff's deputies were arrested Friday, including one accused of molesting a young girl on multiple occasions.

Eleazar Gongora, Jr., was charged with continuous sexual abuse of a child, a felony. He was taken into custody by sheriff's deputies, the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitive Task Force.
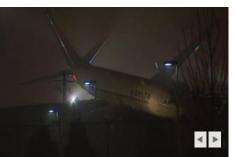
The girl, 9, knows Gongora. According to the criminal complaint against him, Gongora, 41, assaulted her between June 2009 and October 2011 at the homes he was living at in Houston and Pasadena.

The investigation that led to Friday's arrest began after the girl told her mother what happened in late December, according to the complaint.
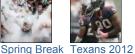
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"My employees are expected to obey the law in their private life as well as their public life. We at the Sheriff's Office see no boundary between them when it comes to protecting the community," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said in a statement following the arrest.

Gongora joined the Sheriff's Office in March 2000 and had been assigned to the Harris County Jail's mental health unit.

His employment status is under review as a result of the charge, authorities said.

He is being held without bail at the Harris County Jail.

Also on Friday, another deputy was arrested after internal affairs investigators accused him of falsifying records of his whereabouts while at work.

Jimmy W. George, 38, was later charged with felony tampering with a government record.

A woman who answered the front door at his home in Spring declined to comment about the arrest.

On Dec. 9, George was sent to investigate reports that someone in a Ford pickup was driving erratically along Brightwood Drive near Falling Creek in northwest Harris County.

Records show that George logged in at the scene on his patrol car's computer.

"We had surveillance on him. We knew he wasn't there," said Christina Garza, a Harris County sheriff's spokeswoman.

Sheriff comments

"There were other instances where he said he was at a certain location and we know for a fact that he wasn't there," Garza said.
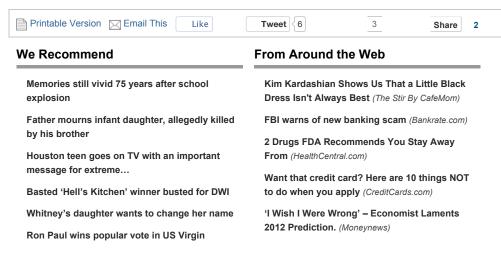
Citing their investigation, Garza declined to say where the internal affairs investigators believe George was at the time he was supposed to have been at work.

"This case is isolated and does not represent the hard work being done by the rest of our crime fighters, especially patrol deputies who are dealing with an increasing number of emergency calls," Garcia said.

George was released from the Harris County Jail after posting bail set at $2000.

George was fired from the sheriff's department where he had worked since December 1996.

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