

Border Patrol Agent charged with indecency with a child

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A local border patrol agent has been charged with two counts of indecency with a child.

Jose Jalomos, 49, turned himself in to Duval County Sheriff's Department Investigators Thursday morning. Duval County Sheriff's Investigator Alan Gonzalez said the investigation is still ongoing, and he believes, further charges will be forthcoming in the case.

“At the same time, there is an ongoing investigation in the jurisdiction of the Alice Police Department for the same type of crime involving a family member and Jalomos,” Gonzalez said.

Jalomos, a more than 20 year agent with the U.S. Border Patrol, resides in Alice, but works out of the Hebronville station.

Gonzalez said the incidents being investigated occurred over the last six months, with the most recent incident occurring just two weeks ago. The charge, indecency with a child, is a second degree felony, and carries with it the possibility of 2 to 20-years in prison if convicted.

Jalomos turned himself in Thursday morning in the company of his attorney, Baldemar Gutierrez. Jalomos' supervisors with the border patrol were notified of the charges both before and after Jalomos turned himself in, Gonzalez said. Gonzalez said of the investigation that none of the incidents occurred while Jalomos was on-duty. The arrest was without incident and Jalomos made no statement to investigators.

“When we complete our investigation, we will forward the case to the district attorney's office and it will be taken before the grand jury for indictment,” Gonzalez said. “Jalomos has been placed in segregation, since he is a law enforcement officer, for his own personal safety.”

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