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Wichita ex-cop charged again, now with sex crimes against small children

Joseph T. McGill faces two separate charges of lewd touching of children in 2005 and 2011.

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A former Wichita police officer who pleaded guilty in January to sexual battery while on duty was charged Friday with aggravated indecent liberties with two small children.

Joseph T. McGill, 28, now faces two separate charges: one accusing him of "lewd fondling or touching" of a 1-year-old between July 12, 2011, and Dec. 31, 2011, and a second charge accusing him of the same kind of crime against a 3-month-old between Oct. 11, 2005, and Nov. 11, 2005.

McGill was being held on a \$500,000 bond in the Sedgwick County Jail; it wasn't clear after the charges were filed Friday if the bond has been adjusted.

A court document says he plans to hire an attorney. He faces a June 7 preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to hold a trial.

He also faces a May 31 probation violation hearing.

McGill, who was sentenced in March to three years' probation, was arrested in Hutchinson in the latest case against him.

He had been charged in March 2011 with inappropriately touching residents on two occasions while working as a police officer. The charges stemmed from separate incidents in November 2010 and the following February.

McGill worked for the Police Department about three years. The department suspended him without pay, and he resigned after the charges were filed.

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