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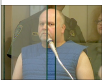
Officer appears in court, charged with sex crimes against a minor

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Portland Police Officer Scott Elliott appears in court Friday on charges of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child.

PORTLAND, Ore. - A 22-year veteran of the Portland police force who used to register sex offenders now finds himself accused of sex crimes.

Officer Scott Elliott, 50, made his first court appearance Friday afternoon since his arrest Thursday.

According to a charging document filed Friday, Elliott was caught by one of his own: another police officer posing as a child online.

He's charged with luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child.

According to the court file, Elliott "knowingly use(d) an online communication to solicit a child to engage in sexual conduct. ... and "an explicit verbal description and narrative account of sexual conduct, for the purpose of inducing the law enforcement officer, posing as a minor, to engage in sexual conduct."

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Elliott while he was on duty.

Another agency is handling the criminal investigation, and the Portland Police Bureau said it will make no comment until that investigation is completed.

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Elliott is now on administrative leave and had to turn in his badge and bureau-issued weapon while off duty.

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