

Beaverton police officer's child sex abuse case delayed in Clark County

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A Clark County judge granted a continuance in the child rape case against a Beaverton police officer this week, according to court staff.

Christopher Ramoan Warren, 33, is accused in Clark County Superior Court of raping a 5-year-old and charged in Washington County Circuit Court with defrauding the State of Oregon.

Warren, who was working as a desk officer, was placed on paid administrative leave in April, when he was arrested in Washington County on accusations that included food stamp fraud, theft of at least \$1,000 from the state of Oregon. He was arrested at his Vancouver home in May on accusations of sexually abusing a young girl.

Warren remains on paid administrative leave, Beaverton police said Wednesday. Members of the department's command staff are reviewing an internal investigation into him, according to police.

The Clark County sex-abuse case against Warren is set to go to trial Dec. 16. In a hearing this week, a judge moved the trial date, initially set for August, and postponed an evidence hearing until October.

In Washington County, Warren is scheduled to go to trial in September on charges of charges of lying to obtain public assistance, including food stamps, and defrauding the state of at least \$1,000.

Warren joined the Beaverton Police Department in 2004 after spending two years as a reserve officer. He was placed on paid leave in September 2009 when the Multnomah County district attorney's office investigated claims he inappropriately touched a girl when he was 17, the agency said. The case was dropped in April 2010.

He was placed on paid leave again one month later, the police department said. At the time, investigators were looking into allegations that he failed to report suspected child abuse involving one of his childhood friends, according to a memo from Multnomah County prosecutors. The friend was later convicted of sex abuse.

Warren was fired from the Beaverton Police Department in January 2011 and then reinstated nine months later as a desk officer, police said. As part of his assignment, police said, Warren was assigned to spend a couple hours a week at the Beaverton Police Activities League, which runs youth programs aimed at reducing crime and improving relationships between kids and law enforcement.

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