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## General Assembly Special Police officer charged with sex crimes

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Daniel Shawn Evans

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RALEIGH — A veteran officer of the General Assembly Special Police has been arrested on sexual offense charges involving children dating back to 2002.

Daniel Shawn Evans, 42, was arrested at the Legislative Office Building on Friday morning by a Wake County sheriff's investigator. Evans was charged with nine counts, including attempted first-degree rape and statutory rape.

Evans, of 5908 Applewood Lane in Raleigh, resigned from the General Assembly Special Police effective Monday, Chief Jeff Weaver said. Evans had been on the force since 1998, Weaver said.

"We're just disappointed in his personal behavior," he said.

In an unusual move, Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens set Evans' bail the day before the arrest, at \$1 million. The Wake County District Attorney's Office requested the bail in advance.

In the arrest warrants, Wake County sheriff's Investigator S.H. Doremus laid out a series of charges.

Altogether, Evans is charged with one count of attempted first-degree rape; two counts of statutory rape/sex offense with a person who is 13 to 15 years old; three counts of first-degree sex offense with a child; and three counts of indecent liberties with a child.

The earliest incident took place sometime in 2002, while the most recent took place no later than July 1, 2008, according to the warrants.

The warrants list two victims, referring to them only by their initials.

The General Assembly Special Police was created in 1975. Its officers have the same authority as any city police officer inside Raleigh's Interstate 440 Beltline or anywhere else in the state if they are protecting lawmakers, doing advance work for a lawmaker's visit or investigating a threat against a General Assembly member.

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