

## Former Kingsville police corporal indicted on charge of sexual abuse of child

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KINGSVILLE — A former Kingsville police corporal was indicted on a charge of sexual abuse of a child.

David Cerda, 41, was indicted Thursday on continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years old, according to the Kleberg County District Clerk's Office.

He is being held at the Kleberg County Jail on \$100,000 bail.

An investigation began after a girl at Ricardo Elementary School told her teacher she had been touched inappropriately.

Cerda, a six-year veteran of the department, was a patrol officer working a night shift, officials said. He was arrested in April at the Police Department and resigned effective immediately.

District Attorney John Hubert would not comment on the case saying there is no gag order, but he wanted to be fair to the state and defense and didn't want to release information that could taint a jury.

Cerda's case will be heard in 105th State District Judge Angelica Hernandez's court.



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