

Former Officer Remains on Bond Without Ankle Monitor

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CORPUS CHRISTI - A former Robstown police officer accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl will remain out on bond, without an ankle monitor, as he awaits trial.

Judge Jose Longoria presided over the hearing for Ernest Martinez where the court discussed having him move to a newer, more expensive monitoring system.

The current ankle monitor costs \$175, but the newer one costs closer to \$400 - a cost defendants have to cover themselves.

Martinez's attorney argued his client can't afford that large of a payment. After conferring with the probation supervision department, Judge Longoria decided Martinez can go without a monitor, but will have to check in once a week.

The fact that Martinez hasn't had any infractions while out on bond played a role in the judge's decision.

The former officer was arrested in October 2013 when a girl came forward with claims her sister had a sexual relationship with a man she met working security at Ortiz Middle School.

A trial date has not been set.

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