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CORPUS CHRISTI - There's a huge development in the case against a former Robstown police officer accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year old girl. The detective who handled the case is accused of hiding evidence.

Detective Gonzalo Jimenez was back in court to face questions about his earlier testimony and the evidence concerning former coworker, Ernest Martinez.

Martinez was arrested in late 2013 and was charged with having sex with a minor--a 14-year-old girl he allegedly met while working patrol at Ortiz Intermediate School. His family says he's being set up for a crime he never committed.

"(Jimenez) is not being truthful," Shamsie said. "He's been lying for the last four months...This case is falling apart and he's hiding evidence that shows that (Martinez) is innocent."

The evidence in question includes several handwritten notes Jimenez took during the course of his investigation that weren't submitted as evidence.

Shamsie also pointed out about a dozen phone calls Jimenez had with a Wells Fargo Bank in Arizona asking for Martinez's bank records. In earlier hearings, Jimenez denied having made any calls about the case.

Those inconsistencies could land Jimenez in contempt of court, but Judge Longoria decided not to make an official ruling until the end of the trial.

The judge demanded that Jimenez find the missing evidence.

"Detective Jimenez, you will make a search of every item there is at that police station, your home, your car, personal car," Judge Longoria said in court. "You come up with those notes that you keep telling us that you gave to the prosecutor and the prosecutor never got them...Look for it, you find it, and I will deal with how much time you're going to go to jail for and how much money it's going to cost you."

Judge Longoria gave Jimenez until the following Monday afternoon to submit the notes and other evidence that was missing from his report.

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