

## Former Hillsborough officer pleads guilty to child sex crimes

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### 2013 Cop pedophile James Riley Jr.



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A former Hillsborough police corporal has been placed on the North Carolina sex offender registry

after pleading guilty in March to two counts of indecent liberties with a minor.

James Allen Riley Jr., 62, pleaded guilty March 23 in Orange County Superior Court to two counts of indecent liberties with a minor.

"He kissed a 13-year-old girl," Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall said. "He touched her older sister, who was about 15."

The offenses occurred in December 2011 and July 2013. Woodall said he was friends with the mother of the two girls.

He received a 20- to 33-month sentence with active jail time suspended and was ordered to give up his law enforcement certification. He also must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Riley's mother, Ivaleen, said she had no idea her son was a convicted sex offender.

"I think it's an outright lie. I think it's a set up against him," she said. "He's got a daughter, a little granddaughter. He's sensitive to things like this."

Ivaleen Riley said her son told her he resigned from his community service job. She said she was also aware he had some legal issues.

"He went to court and he said it's all over with. He's just got to do community work," she said.

Riley began working with the Hillsborough Police Department as an officer in January 2004. He was dismissed from his job on July 23, 2013, three days after the town placed him on administrative leave following an internal investigation, the town said in a news release.

In April 2013, Hillsborough received a complaint about possible misconduct of an officer while working an off-duty job.

Police said Riley met the victim while working at a McDonald's in Hillsborough.

The police department investigated, which included conducting surveillance in July 2013, and on July 19, police observed "potential criminal conduct."

On July 20, Riley was placed on administrative leave, and three days later the SBI took over the investigation and the town terminated Riley's employment. The Orange County District Attorney's Office filed charges against Riley in April 2014.

Riley is on probation and was placed on the state sex offender registry; he was further ordered to perform community service.

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