

Court upholds sentence of former police officer

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2013 Cop Pedophile John Clayton Fields

The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals recently upheld the sentence of a former Ashland City police officer who was arrested in February 2013 for allegedly drugging one girl and sexually abusing another girl.

John Clayton "J.C." Fields II, of Ashland City, was originally charged with one count of aggravated sexual battery and three counts of child abuse/neglect.

During a hearing in April 2014, Fields entered a no contest plea to one count of aggravated assault and three counts of child abuse/neglect.

In August 2014, Fields was ordered to serve a three-year sentence on the aggravated assault charge and 11-month, 29-day sentences on the three counts of child abuse/neglect charges, which will run concurrent with the aggravated assault charge.

Fields filed an appeal with the Court of Criminal Appeals on the sentence.

Assistant district attorney Bob Wilson said Fields' attorney plans to file an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

If the Court of Criminal Appeals grants bond to Fields, he won't begin serving any time until the State Supreme Court makes a decision on the appeal, according to Wilson.

Fields was accused of drugging a then 9-year-old girl, who told authorities he gave her a controlled substance, which caused her to have slurred speech and to be unsteady on her feet.

Blood tests revealed the presence of the controlled substance in her system. The incident reportedly took place at Fields' home.

The other case involved a then 13-year-old girl. Fields was accused of sexually assaulting the girl, whom he was babysitting.

Fields served as an Ashland City police officer from 2001 to 2008. He left the department to work in Iraq as a contractor for the military. He was hired as a reserve officer for the department in April 2012, but was later dismissed.

In a statement, Ashland City police chief Marc Coulon said, "We do not control the outcome of cases, nor what happens to people. The justice system determines that."