

Former Harris deputy charged with child sex assault

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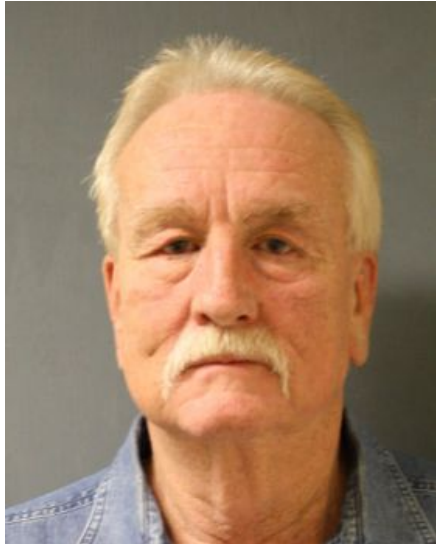
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John Van Trump, 68, is being held without bail. (HCSO)

A retired Harris County sheriff's deputy is accused of sexually assaulting his former girlfriend's young daughter over a period of several years, officials said.

John Van Trump, 68, was arrested on Friday and charged with super aggravated sexual assault, because the victim was under 6 at the time.

The girl, who's now 8, told family members earlier this year that she had been molested several times by Trump.

Sheriff's detectives then launched an investigation that ended with the arrest.

Trump spent more than 30 years with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. He retired as a sergeant in 2009 after his final assignment at the county courthouse.

Late Friday, Trump was being held without bail at the Harris County Jail.