

Public safety officer accused of soliciting sex from a minor in Long Beach

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Long Beach >> City prosecutors on Wednesday filed a misdemeanor charge of annoying a child against a state public safety officer who allegedly solicited a minor for sex.

Shamalar Fields, 36, of Los Angeles was driving a vehicle on Sept. 28 in the area of Atlantic Avenue and 68th Street when he approached the 16-year-old, police said.

Fields was arrested shortly thereafter in the area and posted bail later that day.

At the time of his arrest, Fields was employed by the Department of Public Safety and worked at Exposition Park in Los Angeles.

After a three-week investigation, detectives presented the case to the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office.

Fields was arraigned Wednesday.

Fields worked as a museum safety officer and was placed on paid administrative leave pending the resolution of the criminal case, said Cheryl Tateishi, interim general manager for the office of Exposition Park management.

Public safety officers patrol Exposition Park and buildings within the park. Officers have the same arrest authority as state and municipal police officers.

Long Beach police detectives say Fields may have had more victims and ask them to call 562-570-6407.