

Former Alliance cop accused of sex crimes is bound over to grand jury - The Review

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A former Alliance Police Department officer accused of sex crimes appeared before Judge Jean Madden in Alliance Municipal Court on Friday.

Steven Fitzgerald Slimak, 42, of 2217 S. Arch Ave., was arrested on May 3 by members of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at his home. Slimak was charged with possession of sexually oriented material involving a minor and pandering obscenity involving a minor, both third-degree felonies.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing and his case was bound over to the Stark County grand jury.

Slimak had resigned from the department amid sex crime allegations more than a decade ago.

According to Alliance Police Detective John Jenkins, on May 4, officers executed a search warrant at the home Slimak shares with his mother and confiscated several computers, external hard drives and thumb drives as part of a two-week investigation.

Juvenile Detective Matthew Shatzer and patrolman R.H. Rummel assisted with the investigation, which also included members of the Secret Service, according to Jenkins.

Slimak resigned from the Alliance Police Department in 2002 after colleagues confronted him regarding an investigation into alleged child pornography activities. He was later convicted of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material, sexual imposition and pandering sexually oriented matter involving minors, according to law enforcement.

He was sentenced by Stark County Common Pleas Court Judge John Haas to serve more than two years in prison and another 10 months in Stark County Jail in conjunction with the charges, according to the online case docket.

According to the Stark County Sheriff's Office sex offender website, Slimak, who is registered as a sexually oriented offender, was released on Dec. 30, 2004.

Slimak remains in the Stark County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

If convicted of the latest charges, which were elevated because of the prior convictions, Slimak faces up to 10 years in prison and \$20,000 in fines.

Review reporter Stephanie Ujhelyi contributed to this story.