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Baltimore police officer indicted on sex abuse charges

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A Baltimore city police officer and Columbia resident was indicted last week on multiple sex offense charges by a Howard County Grand Jury, a county State's Attorney spokesman announced Tuesday.

Charles William Hagee, 44, of the 8800 block of Goose Landing Circle, was indicted on three third-degree sex offense charges, a charge of sexual solicitation of a minor, and three counts of prostitution, according to court documents.

Hagee was arrested in March by Howard County police when they received a tip regarding the prostitution of a 14-year-old girl in Columbia.

Police said detectives believe Hagee contacted the girl through a phone number posted to an online prostitution advertisement, and that the two exchanged text messages before meeting at his Columbia home and engaging in sexual activity.

Police said this happened on three separate occasions between January and May of 2013.

Howard County police said Hagee was assigned to the Special Enforcement Section, an elite unit that investigates violent crimes. Baltimore police said Hagee worked in administrative roles and would be suspended with pay, per department policy.

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