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Veteran Chicago cop groped other officer's daughter, 9, at barbecue: prosecutor

Dennis Barnes, 61, was arrested Tuesday and placed on leave after he allegedly fondled the girl Saturday night while she sat with her brother on a couch and watched TV. He also licked the girl's face, prosecutors said. Bail was set at \$100,000 during a court appearance Thursday.

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A Chicago police officer, not shown, was busted for allegedly sexually abusing the daughter of another cop at a weekend barbecue.

A Chicago police sergeant groped the 9-year-old daughter of another cop at a Saturday night barbecue at the officer's city home, prosecutors said.

The girl was sitting on a couch beside her brother watching TV when Dennis Barnes, 61, lifted a blanket and fondled the little girl, prosecutors said during a court appearance Thursday, [the Chicago Tribune reported](#).

The 27-year veteran shook his head and held a baseball hat behind his back as the allegations relating to the three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count of attempted predatory sexual assault were read aloud in court, where bail was set at \$100,000, according to the [Tribune](#).

Barnes was at his colleague's South Chicago home Saturday evening for a barbecue,

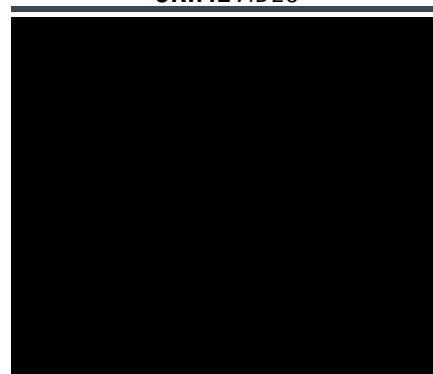
prosecutors say, when he approached and assaulted the girl. The girl's brother saw what was happening and ran to get their mother.

While the boy was gone, Barnes asked the girl to kiss him. When she refused, he twice licked her face, prosecutors said.

The girl began bawling when her brother and mom returned to confront the man, the Tribune reported.

Barnes was called in to the police station for a meeting on his job status

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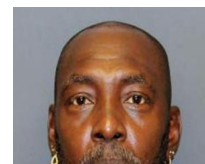
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Tuesday and was arrested. For the last 16 years, Barnes has served as a patrol sergeant in the Wentworth police district.

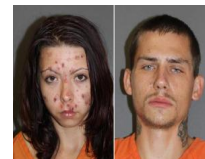
"The charges in this case are ridiculous," the man's attorney, Mike Clancy, said in court, according to the [Tribune](#).

Barnes is expected to post bail and has been ordered to stay away from the victim. He's been allowed to keep two guns he owns but has been "relieved of his police powers and placed on leave," a police spokesman told the [Tribune](#).

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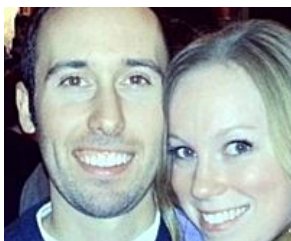


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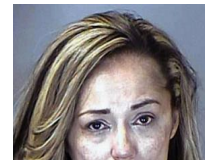
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