

Teen paid for sex act leads to arrest of former jail spokesman in Jacksonville

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A former Jacksonville corrections officer who retired last summer and was a jail spokesman as late as 2006 was arrested Monday after a girl was paid \$20 to perform oral sex, according to police.

Gregory Kazon Fields, who retired last summer after almost 30 years as a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office corrections officer, is charged with lewd and lascivious battery against someone younger than 16, according to the arrest report. Fields is 52.

Information in the arrest report is brief, with most of it redacted to protect the identity of the teenage victim. But the report states that at about 10 a.m. Monday the girl was paid and taken to a wooded area in the 6000 block of North Main Street near East 50th Street.

The redacted report doesn't indicate how Fields was found or who reported the incident. But he was interviewed by a detective, then arrested and jailed.

Booking photographs of active or retired law enforcement members are exempt for those who have been arrested. Fields also does not show up in a search of the Sheriff's Office's jail website.

Fields was involved with a juvenile justice program that gave at-risk teens a tour of the Duval County jail's juvenile facility. As part of a cooperative effort with the State Attorney's Office and the county's juvenile court judges, Fields would show teens who had minor or no criminal records the consequences of crime in a city known for cracking down on juvenile offenders.

Fields was hired in November 1984 and retired in July, according to the Sheriff's Office, which did not indicate any prior disciplinary history. His 2012 salary as a corrections officer was \$50,500, according to the city salary database.

This is the latest in a recent series of arrests of retired and active Jacksonville Sheriff's Office corrections and patrol officers.

On Dec. 23 corrections officer Brandon Wooley was arrested on drug charges in Nassau County just after he resigned. On Dec. 20 recently retired corrections officer Leon Perry Brooks Sr. was indicted on child-pornography charges with the incident occurring while he was still employed. Another former corrections officer, Harold Bush Walbey III, was arrested Dec. 12 charged with filing fraudulent tax returns with the stolen identities of inmates he was responsible for guarding.

Veteran patrol officer Danny Ray Hamlin resigned after he was charged Oct. 10 with 26 counts of misconduct and one count of grand theft after investigators said he lied about \$4,425 in overtime. And in March, police union leaders Nelson Cuba and Robbie Freitas were arrested in the Allied Veterans of the World corruption case.

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