

## Pike County police chief arrested for sodomy, theft

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The police chief of a Pike County city found himself on the wrong side of the law Wednesday.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigations arrested Molena Police Chief James Roberts. Roberts is also the mayor of Concord.

For a month and a half, the GBI investigated allegations that Roberts solicited a number of young men for sex, using his position to gain the trust of his reported victims.

The investigation began in August following a request from the grandparents of one of Roberts' alleged victims.

According to the GBI, Roberts gave his personal code and key to one of the young men so he could fill his personal car with county gas. Roberts also allegedly sent obscene photos to a minor using his city-issued phone.

Roberts is charged with two counts of solicitation of sodomy and one count of theft by conversion.

GBI agents have executed search warrants for Roberts' home, the Molena Police Department, Molena City Hall and Concord City Hall.

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