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FLINT -- A former Flint police sergeant is accused of over 16 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, with 6 of the counts for conduct with children under the age of 13.

66-year-old Lawrence Woods was arraigned this morning at 68th District Court. He is currently being held with no bond.

At a press conference today, Flint Police Chief James Tolbert said that there have been four raids on Woods' former residences. They found hundreds of pictures of child porn, and not "run of the mill." The pictures were taken at Woods' former homes, hotels and the Flint Police Department. A total of four locations were used.

The incidents happened between 1996 and 2000.

The ages of the victims range from 11- to 30-years old, according to Chief Tolbert. There are at least 50 victims. Chief Tolbert is hoping more will come forward.

Chief Tolbert says that the crimes happened while Lawrence was serving as a police officer. Woods is currently retired from the police force.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton says the victims that sparked the investigation were afraid and that is why they did not come forward sooner. He says the case is very rare and that nobody, including police officers, are above the law.

"It's highly unusual because 99 point 9 percent of police officers are good hardworking, honest citizens, who would never even think to commit such an atrocious crime," said Leyton.

Pre-trial for Woods is scheduled on September 9th at 8:30 in the morning.

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