2 Atlantic County Officers Arrested For Alleged Child Sexual Assault

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MAYS LANDING, N.J. (CBS) – According to Atlantic County Prosecutor Jim McClain, two police officers have been arrested for separate and independent acts of child sexual assault and official misconduct.

Brigantine Police Officer Ralph Pereira, 43, was arrested on Monday.

He has been charged with several second degree offenses including official misconduct, sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child. He was also charged with criminal sexual contact, a fourth degree crime.

It is alleged that Pereira committed the acts while holding a position of authority and disciplinary power over a 16-year-old female victim.

Pereira was sent to the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail.

A simultaneous investigation resulted in the arrest of Atlantic City Police Officer Andre Corbin, 43, on Monday.

Corbin was arrested in Atlantic City and charged with the following second degree offenses: official misconduct, sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child. He was also charged with criminal sexual contact, a fourth degree offense.

Corbin allegedly committed the acts while in a position of authority and holding a position of disciplinary power over a 16-year-old female.

Corbin was sent to the Atlantic County Justice Facility and released after posting \$100,000 cash bail.

Authorities say a crime of the second degree carries a potential sentence of five to 10 years of incarceration in prison. A crime of the fourth degree carries a potential sentence of imprisonment that cannot exceed 18 months.

Anyone with information about either case is asked to contact Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit Detective Danielle Rosiello at **609-909-7986**.

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