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FAIRBANKS—The former commander of the Alaska State Trooper detachment based in Fairbanks was arrested Friday on charges of sexually abusing a minor over a period of several years.

Former Capt. Warren Tanner, 75, was arrested Friday afternoon in North Pole by troopers and U.S. Marshals. He was arraigned on six counts of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor on Saturday and is being held without bail at Fairbanks Correctional Center.

The charges indicate the alleged abuse started as far back as 2003 and occurred as recently as 2011.

Tanner served as commander of the D Detachment for two years until his retirement in 1999. D Detachment is based in Fairbanks and covers the unorganized area from Healy to Tok to Barrow. Tanner also served as the provost marshal at Fort Wainwright before joining the troopers and as trooper statewide search and rescue coordinator.

The Child Crimes unit of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation received reports Thursday afternoon that an adult male had been sexually abusing a 14-year-old North Pole girl over several years. Troopers and members of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force arrested Tanner the next day.

Trooper spokesperson Tim Despain said the use of U.S. Marshal's Service isn't standard procedure but that they were asked to assist in serving the warrant because they were already in town on other business.

A preliminary hearing for the case has been scheduled for the first week of March.

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