

County worker faces sex charge - Chronicle-Telegram

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ELYRIA — A longtime deputy clerk of courts has been indicted on sex charges stemming from accusations he had sexual relations with an underage girl as far back as 1983.

William Tyrone Montgomery, 51, will remain on the job as an information technology employee in Lorain County Clerk of Courts Ron Nabakowski's title office while his case makes its way through the legal system, Nabakowski said.

Nabakowski said although most of Montgomery's job involves working with computer systems, he sometimes interacts with the public by helping customers at the Elyria title office.

"These things are complicated, and in America you're innocent until proven guilty," Nabakowski said.

Assistant County Prosecutor Dave Muhek said Montgomery allegedly began engaging in sexual conduct with the 7- or 8-year-old victim in August 1983 and continued to do so through 1993.

He said the victim, who turned 18 in 1993, filed a report about the alleged sexual abuse with Elyria police within the last year and that touched off the investigation. Muhek said Montgomery was an acquaintance of the victim's family.

Muhek said the 20-year statute of limitations on sex charges begins when the victim turns 18, which means Montgomery can still be prosecuted.

Montgomery was booked into the Lorain County Jail on the charge Friday but has since been released, according to court and jail records.

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