

# New indictment for supervisor in teen beach-tag checker sex case

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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – A Cape May County grand jury handed down a superseding indictment this week against an Ocean City beach supervisor who is accused of having sex with a teenage beach-tag checker.

Charles Cusack, 51, of Linwood, allegedly had sex in Ocean City and Egg Harbor Township with a 17-year-old girl he supervised in 2012, according to the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office.

The legal age of consent in New Jersey is 16 but this does not apply to adults who are in a supervisory or disciplinary position with the teenager.

Cusack, a retired Ocean City police officer, was indicted this week on second-degree sexual assault, second-degree endangering the welfare of a child and official misconduct. This indictment adds the misconduct charge that was not on an earlier indictment.

Cusack retired from the Ocean City Police Department in 2011 after 25 years as a patrolman and detective. He was honored for helping to save two drowning children in 2004.

His lawyer, Louis Barbone, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

If convicted of a second-degree charge, Cusack faces as much as 10 years in prison. Cusack's trial is scheduled for Feb. 23.



**Charles Cusack**

Retired Ocean City police Officer Charles Cusack, of Linwood.