

## 2015 Cop Pedophile Police Chief Kevin Coffey



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Former Maypearl Police Chief Kevin Coffey made his first appearance in the 443rd Judicial District Court on Tuesday. Coffey waved arraignment and is set to appear in court at 9 a.m. on March 9 for his pre-trial hearing.

Coffey has been indicted on the charges of sexual performance by a child, sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child by contact and indecency with a child by exposure. These charges are only related to one of three possible victims.

According to the indictment on Jan. 1, 2015 Coffey allegedly influenced a child who was younger than 18 years of age to engage in sexual acts.

An arrest warrant was issued for Coffey on July 21, 2015, and he turned himself into the Ellis County Sheriff's Office on July 22. The warrant stated on July 17, 2015, the mother of a 14-year-old girl contacted Texas Ranger Adam Sweaney and informed him that her daughter "made an outcry she had an inappropriate relationship with Coffey."

About a week prior to his arrest, police executed a search warrant at his home in Grandview and at the Maypearl Police Department.

Coffey, through his court appointed attorney Jim Jenkins, filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on Aug. 6, 2015 in the 443rd Judicial District Court. In the application Jenkins requested that Coffey's bonds be reduced to \$20,000 from \$350,000. On Aug. 11, 2015 Judge Cindy Ermatinger denied Coffey's motions leaving the bonds set at the original amounts.

Jenkins said the next step in the process is for the district attorney's office to produce the evidence it has against his client so it can properly reviewed.

"The next step is for the state to produce discovery responses under current law that pretty much have to tell us everything about the case. Everything that they have good or bad. It takes a while to do that," Jenkins said. "In both of our felony courts, there is a standard pre-trial order that covers what both sides are going to do. If there is an issue about probable cause or some evidence should not be admitted, we can file a motion to suppress at that time. That is heard before trial."

Jenkins said he made no motions during the Jan. 5 court appearance.

Coffey faces a maximum sentence of 20 years for each of the second degree felonies, sexual performance by a child, sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child by contact, and a

maximum of 10 years for the third degree felony, indecency with a child by exposure, for a possible sentence of 70 years in prison.

According to information from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), Coffey has served a total of 17 years and two months working as a law enforcement officer. Prior to Coffey's service in law enforcement, he served in the United States Marine Corps.

Coffey has served in both Texas and North Carolina. Some of the departments Coffey has worked for include the Tolar Police Department, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, the Grandview Police Department, the Hudson Oaks Police Department, the Maypearl Police Department, the Italy Police Department and the Rio Vista Police Department.

The TCOLE personnel information record shows Coffey's service with different departments ranging as little more than one month, like time at the Maypearl Police Department from Nov. 1, 2005 to Dec. 8, 2005, to time at other departments ranging from four to 11 months.

Coffey was hired a second time with the Maypearl Police Department as a reserve officer in March 2010. A reserve police officer is an officer who is typically unpaid but volunteers his or her time to performing law enforcement duties. He then became a full time officer with Maypearl in November 2010, serving as a sergeant. Coffey was promoted to police chief in September 2013.

Coffey faces two additional charges in connection with accusations made by a minor and accusation made by an adult 15 years after the fact, when Coffey was serving with the Grandview Police Department. According to information from TCOLE, Coffey's time with the Grandview Police Department was from Dec. 11, 2000 to Nov. 20, 2003.

The charges are sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child by contact and come down from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Coffey remains in custody at the Wayne McCollum Detention Center with bonds totaling \$650,000.

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