

Corrections officer accused of molestation involving girl, 13

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2015 Cop pedophile Kristopher Robin Butterfield

A Marion County Sheriff's Office detective on Friday arrested a man who works as a corrections officer at Lowell Correctional Institution and charged him with sexual assault and lewd and lascivious behavior on a juvenile.

In an interview with Detective Shannon Wiles, Kristopher Robin Butterfield denied touching or molesting the 13-year-old girl. After the interview, the 30-year-old Butterfield was transported to the Marion County Jail, where he was booked. His bond is \$40,000, and his next court date is April 28.

Butterfield, an employee at Lowell, denied an interview request from the Star-Banner.

On the day of Butterfield's arrest, the Marion County Sheriff's Office received a report about a sexual allegation made against the corrections officer. The girl's father was so upset about the situation that he said he wanted to shoot Butterfield. A deputy recovered a firearm from the home for safekeeping.

At the incident location, the deputy was told that the teen's parents could not find her and began searching for her. She later returned to the home and was sweating and appeared upset, the deputy was told. The girl alleged that Butterfield had touched her while she was in bed and had been frequently touching her private area.

Other deputies were called to the scene and they were able to locate Butterfield, who told them that he never molested the girl, except for giving her a one-armed hug or patting her on her head.

Follow-up interviews by the deputy revealed that Butterfield reportedly attempted to have sex with the girl.

The juvenile was taken to Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, where she told an official that Butterfield began touching her when she was 12, and has done so for a while. She said she told him to stop, but the encounters continued. Butterfield, she said, told her not to tell anyone.

Butterfield was then transported to the MCSO for an interview.

McKinley Lewis, a spokesperson for the state's Department of Correction, said DOC is in the process of gathering information and is aware of the incident.

Butterfield is among several corrections officers or people employed by the DOC who have been

arrested for some type of sexual behavior.

Late last month, 49-year-old Harold Samuel Gillum was arrested on three counts of sexual battery and three counts of lewd and lascivious molestation. Gillum, who worked for Marion Correctional Institute, told a detective that he had sex with the victim when she was 12, and added that on one occasion, the juvenile had sex with him to get him to take her to Disney. The girl is now 18.

Gillum, who's being represented by the public defender's office and remains in the jail on no bond, later resigned, DOC officials said.

Also in February, a former senior licensed practical nurse at Lowell Correctional, 61-year-old Tyrone Turner, was given five years of sex offender probation after pleading guilty to sexual misconduct with an inmate. Part of Turner's probation requires him to submit to a psychosexual evaluation and complete any recommended counseling.

Turner also must complete 100 hours of community service, and is barred from holding any position at a detention facility where he could have contact with inmates.

In January, an assistant warden at Lowell was fired for acting inappropriately around female inmates at the prison. State investigators slapped Martin "Marty" Martinez with a charge of conduct unbecoming and he was dismissed on Jan. 15.

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