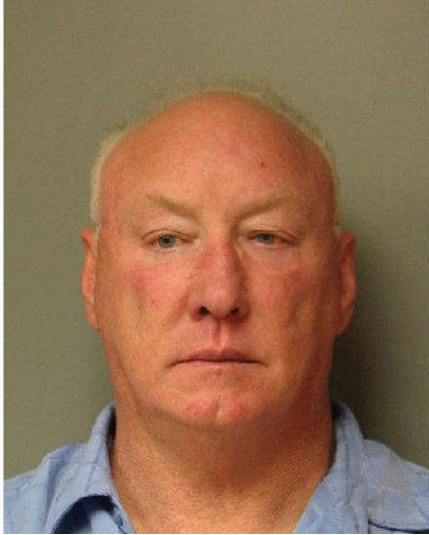


## Gretna officer suspended after child pornography arrest

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### 2015 Cop Pedophile Ronald Dale Black



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A Gretna police officer Ronald Dale Black, 60, of the 750 block of Martin Lane in Port Sulphur, was booked Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, with distributing child pornography to an undercover Plaquemines Parish detective, according to the Plaquemines Sheriff's Office. He was assigned to the Gretna police department's court security division at the time of his arrest, according to the Sheriff's Office. Black shared a video that depicted a pre-pubescent female, about 4 to 6-years-old, engaged in sexual intercourse with an adult male, the Sheriff's Office said. (PPSO) (PPSO)

A Gretna police officer was suspended without pay after he was arrested Monday (Aug. 17) in Plaquemines Parish on a distributing child pornography charge, Gretna Police Deputy Chief Anthony Christiana said Tuesday.

Ronald Dale Black, 60, of the 750 block of Martin Lane in Port Sulphur, was an officer assigned to the Gretna Police Department's court security division at the time of his arrest, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Black shared a video online with an undercover Plaquemines detective that depicted a girl, about 4 to 6 years old, engaged in sexual intercourse with an adult man, the Plaquemines Sheriff's Office said.

Christiana said Black had worked for the Gretna Police Department for about 10 years and that his job in the Gretna courthouse entailed viewing the screening process of the x-ray machines.

In July 2014, Black had been accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with a 6-year-old child in Plaquemines. While the Plaquemines Sheriff Office investigated the case, they did not arrest Black. Instead, they provided the results of the investigation to the Plaquemines District Attorney's Office, whose prosecutors presented the case to a parish grand jury, the Sheriff's Office said.

That grand jury did not return an indictment, the Sheriff's Office said. Plaquemines District Attorney Charles Ballay said that jury had met on Sept. 24.

Christiana said Tuesday that the Gretna Police Department has placed Black on administrative

leave without pay in July 2014 as well, but that the department had allowed him to return to work after the Plaquemines grand jury declined to file charges against him for that incident.

"We kept in constant contact with the Plaquemines Sheriff's Office and he remained on suspension until a no true bill was returned," Christiana said.

Black remained in the Belle Chasse jail Tuesday (Aug. 18) in lieu of an \$85,000 bond.