

## Former police officer, Autumnfest chairman arrested for child molestation by NSPD

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2015 Cop Pedophile Timothy S. Paul



NORTH SMITHFIELD – A former Autumnfest chairman and retired city police officer was arrested on Sunday, July 5 for charges of disorderly conduct and child molestation.

Timothy S. Paul, 52, of Pine Street was arrested by members of the North Smithfield Police Department following an investigation of a complaint from a 12-year-old victim and a parent.

Paul, a well-known figure in Woonsocket, is the drummer of the Doors tribute band Through the Doors. He previously worked for the Woonsocket Police Department, retiring in January of 2009 and was a multi-year chairman of the city's Autumnfest celebration.

In 2011, Paul headed the Autumnfest Steering Committee with co-chair Rachel Arruda. Arruda, a former city clerk, was convicted in 2014 to an 18 month sentence for charges of embezzling around \$400,000 from the city.

Paul has been charged with second degree child molestation and disorderly conduct. He appeared before a Justice of the Peace at police headquarters and was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance and ordered not to have contact with the victim.

Paul's next court appearance will be in September for a pre-arraignment conference.

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