

Bond set at \$15,000 for Coconut Creek officer accused of molestation

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2016 Cop Pedophile Daniel Rush

Charges were reduced and a \$15,000 bond was set for a Coconut Creek police officer accused of molesting four young boys, the officer's lawyer said Thursday.

Six of the original eight charges against Daniel Rush, 26, were punishable by life in prison, and Rush was not automatically entitled to a bond.

But when prosecutors reduced the charges to second-degree felonies, punishable by a maximum of 15 years in prison, they also agreed to a bond of \$2,500 on each of eight counts, said defense lawyer Johnny McCray.

Rush is now charged with three counts of lewd and lascivious molestation, one count of lewd and lascivious battery, one count of false imprisonment and one count of misdemeanor battery. If convicted on all counts, he faces a maximum of 66 years in prison.

Rush was not in court for Thursday's hearing, but more than a dozen family members and supporters were there on his behalf.

Four accusers came forward last month, saying they met Rush at a program for troubled teens that runs primarily out of the Church of Christ at 390 NW 15th St. in Pompano Beach.

Rush had been held at the main Broward jail without bond since his arrest.

Prosecutors also asked Broward Circuit Judge Edward Merrigan for an order prohibiting Rush from contacting the victims while he is out of custody.

Note: An earlier version of this story misstated the total bond amount, the number of charges and the maximum possible prison time faced by the defendant. We apologize for the error.

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