

## Former McDonald County jailer facing child sex-abuse charges joplinglobe.com

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[2016 Cop Pedophile](#) David W. Milligan

PINEVILLE, Mo. — A former McDonald County jailer has been charged with the sexual abuse of two children.

The McDonald County prosecutor charged David W. Milligan on Tuesday with two counts of sexual abuse following an investigation by a Newton County sheriff's detective. Court documents indicate that the alleged offenses took place in 2010 and involved a girl and a boy who are now 11 and 13 years old.

Milligan, 51, began working at the McDonald County Jail in 2013. Sheriff Michael Hall said Wednesday that Milligan is no longer employed by the county.

Court records indicate that the McDonald County sheriff's office asked the Newton County sheriff's office to investigate the allegations against Milligan when they arose since he was an employee of the sheriff's office. Since filing the charge on Tuesday, the McDonald County prosecutor also has sought to be removed from the case, and Associate Court Judge John LePage has ordered that prosecution of the matter be transferred to the state attorney general's office.

According to a probable-cause affidavit, a 13-year-old boy told investigators that six years ago that a couple encouraged him to touch the genitals of a girl who is now 11. He alleged that the couple watched them touching each other and would laugh.

The document further states that the girl was interviewed and told investigators that the couple would watch them have sexual contact, and then laugh and go into their bedroom together.

The Newton County sheriff's office indicated Wednesday that the case remains under investigation and additional charges may be sought.

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