

## Former Police Officer Charged with Statutory Rape and Impregnation of 14-Year-Old

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[2016 Cop Pedophile](#) James Blair

GASTON COUNTY -- A former Lowell police officer was in Gaston County court Monday looking to have his bond reduced.

James Blair is accused of having sex with a 14-year-old Gaston County girl and getting her pregnant. He faces charges of statutory rape.

Blair said little in court but his lawyer argued to have his \$1 million bond reduced to \$50,000.

The judge did not grant that request, instead setting a secured bond of \$250,000.

In arguing for a lesser bond, Blair's attorney cited his client's nearly 20-year law enforcement career as evidence that Blair is not a threat.

"Employed in a profession that society attaches the highest virtues, honesty, courage responsibility, and as a result we would respectfully contend that a police officer employed in that capacity for nearly 2 decades is not a threat to society," said Rocky Lutz, Blair's attorney.

Blair's wife and other family members were in court today, but declined to talk.

Blair is being held in Cleveland County jail while awaiting his next court appearance, which is scheduled for some time in the first week of December.