

## NOPD officer accused of rape booked on 13 more sex-crimes counts

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### 2016 Cop Pedophile Marcellus White

A 19-year veteran of the NOPD accused of raping a 14-year-old male relative earlier this year was rebooked Monday (Nov. 21) on 16 new counts -- 13 of them sex crimes--including a count of first-degree rape and four new counts of second-degree rape.

Marcellus White, 46, was arrested in September on accusations that in March or early April, he pushed a male family member onto a bed in his Algiers home and sexually assaulted him.

On Sept. 23, White was booked on one count each of second-degree rape, molestation of a juvenile and indecent behavior with a juvenile.

NOPD officer arrested, accused of raping male relative

On Monday, White was rebooked on the five new rape charges as well as two counts of sexual battery, two counts of oral sexual battery, two counts of molestation of a juvenile, two counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile and one count each of simple kidnapping, false imprisonment and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, court records show.

In September, the NOPD said White had been placed on emergency administrative suspension, a common first step when an officer has been arrested. White officially resigned from the department Monday, police said.

Records show White was most recently assigned to the 2nd District policing Uptown and was previously assigned to the NOPD's Fiscal Management department.

White also served as part of a community policing squad assigned to the Iberville public-housing development, according to a 2009 NOLA.com|The Times-Picayune article. While in that role, White was a leader of the Iberville Scorpions Karate Academy, which he helped start in 1998 and continued to lead in 2009. At one point, the karate classes expanded into the Lafitte development, according to a 2002 The Times-Picayune brief about an academy event.

According to a 2001 The Times-Picayune feature on White, he spent three nights a week at an Iberville area community center, teaching karate classes to about 40 neighborhood children.

"To dozens of children in the Iberville development, "he is 'Sensei Mark,' their karate teacher, mentor, role model and friend," the article stated.

According to the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office website, White remained in the Orleans Parish jail late Monday.

An NOPD spokesman did not respond to a request for comment or an update on White's status with the department.

**Update:** This story has been updated with new information from the NOPD, which said Tuesday that Officer White formally resigned from the department Monday.

*Staff Writer Ken Daley contributed to this report.*