

# Man charged with sex trafficking is former Yarmouth police officer

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BARNSTABLE — A Yarmouth Port man arraigned Friday in Barnstable District Court on multiple charges involving juveniles is a former Yarmouth police officer, according to a statement from Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos.

Richard Morrison, 68, pleaded not guilty to one count each of trafficking of a person for sexual servitude and selling or delivering liquor to a person under 21 and two counts of enticing a child under 16, according to court documents.

Morrison served as a patrol officer with the Yarmouth Police Department from 1971 to 1992, the statement says.

Within the last 30 days, the Yarmouth police and Children's Cove, a child advocacy center focusing on child abuse intervention, conducted investigations and follow-up interviews, according to the statement. The children involved are under 16 and known to Morrison, the statement says.

Officers obtained a warrant for his arrest and took him into custody at 3 p.m. Thursday, according to the statement. He was held overnight at Yarmouth Police Headquarters on \$5,000 cash bail pending his court appearance.

Police revoked his license to carry firearms and seized his firearms and ammunition, according to the statement. Officers also filed reports with the

state Department of Children and Families.

No further information will be released about the case because of the Massachusetts rape shield law and confidentiality concerns for the victims, according to the statement.

Because of a reporting error, a story Tuesday contained the incorrect dates of Morrison's arrest and arraignment.

Morrison is scheduled to return to court for a pretrial hearing March 31, according to court documents.

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