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Former Columbus Police Public Information Officer, Sgt. Dean Worthington, has resigned as he faces four charges related to child pornography.

Worthington submitted his resignation to Chief Kim Jacobs effective October 26th, and said in the letter he has submitted his retirement application through the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.



(Courtesy: CPD)

Worthington was indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury **on three counts of pandering sexually oriented material involving a child and one count of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material.** Worthington appeared in court on July 27th and was given a \$35,000 bond. He was also ordered to have no unsupervised contact with minors, including his daughter, and will be put on house arrest pending a trial.

The Franklin County internet crimes task force first received a tip from the social media site Tumblr back in January about a possible picture depicting child pornography that had been uploaded to the site. When they investigated, prosecutors say they found Worthington was downloading child pornography on his cell phone.

He was placed on leave pending the investigation.

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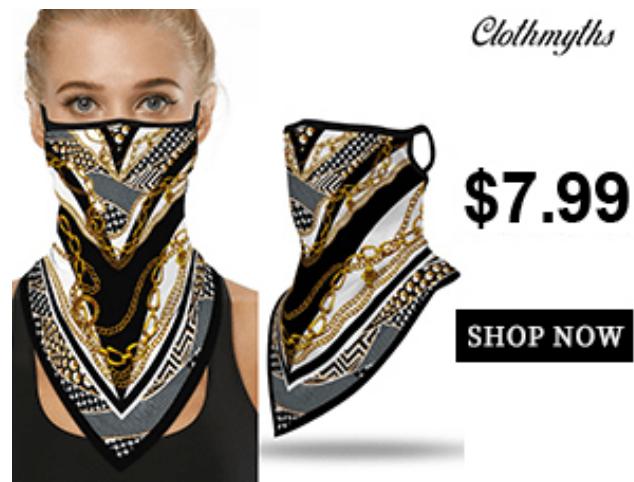
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