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Dallas cop who was fired 12 years ago over indecency-with-a-child case faces new charge

A Dallas police officer was arrested Wednesday after he turned himself in to DeSoto police, who had an active warrant for his arrest.



By [Samantha J. Gross](#)

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Updated at 3:15 p.m. with information from the DeSoto Police Department

A Dallas police officer was arrested Wednesday on a charge of indecency with a child after he turned himself in to DeSoto police.

Senior Cpl. Joe Ramos Jr., a 21-year veteran, was wanted on a charge of indecency with a child by contact, a first-degree felony, authorities said. Details of the charge were not released.

Ramos, 43, was freed from jail on \$5,000 bail at around 2 p.m.

DeSoto police spokesman David Williams said the investigation was turned over to the Dallas County district attorney's office one or two weeks ago.

A grand jury returned his indictment and filed a warrant for his arrest.



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Ramos has no previous charges in Dallas County, but he was fired in 2006 after being indicted in Ellis County on charges of indecency with a child, *The Dallas Morning News* reported then.

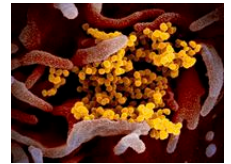
Initially charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child, Ramos was cleared and reinstated with full back pay in 2007 after prosecutors dismissed the indictment.

"He lost his job, his marriage and his home," his attorney, Phil Burleson Jr., told the paper then. "He's starting to put the pieces back together."

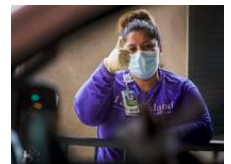


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Former Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton, left, and newly-promoted senior corporal Joe R. Ramos, Jr., right, give Joe's son Christian Ramos, 6, a boost for a photo taken by senior corporal Chris Gilliam, far left, during the Dallas Police Department promotion ceremony at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters in downtown Dallas in 2002. (KIM RITZENTHALER / Staff)

Ramos has been with the Dallas Police Department since July 1997 and works for the open-records unit. He was placed on leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

In March, Ramos received a "Shining Star Ethics Award" from the department.

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