

FIRST ON CBS7: Border Patrol agent in Brewster Co. charged with continuous sexual assault of a child



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BREWSTER COUNTY, Tx. (KOSA) -- A U.S. Border Patrol agent has been arrested on a child sex crime.

Michael William Barends, 42, was arrested on Friday and charged with continuous sexual assault of a child.

According to an arrest affidavit, an investigation began on Monday, January 13 when an outcry was made and shared with the Brewster County Sheriff's Office.

The victim told authorities that a man, identified as Barends, had assaulted her more than 20 times since she was 12 years old.

A warrant was then issued for Barends who was taken into custody.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says that the agent was off-duty and that they will be cooperating with the investigation.



Michael William Barends, 42. (Mugshots: Brewster County Sheriff's Office)

"CBP takes all allegations of misconduct very seriously and does not tolerate criminal activity within its ranks," stated CBP in a release. You can read their full release [here](#).

Barends' bond has been set at \$400,000.

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On Friday afternoon, Brewster County Deputies took Michael William Barends into custody on a warrant for continuous sexual assault of a child. The issuance of the warrant, and subsequent arrest, were the culmination of an in depth investigation.

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