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



Posted: Wed 10:43 AM, Jan 22, 2020 | Updated: Thu 8:05 AM, Jan 23, 2020

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.

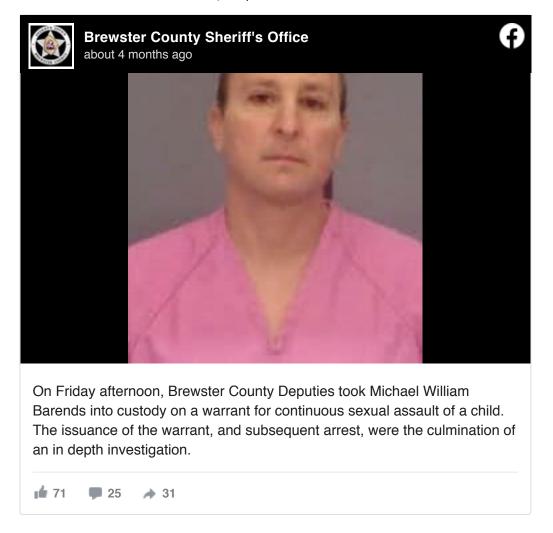
U.S. Customs and Border Protection says that the agent was offduty and that they will be cooperating with the investigation.



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.



Get the latest updates from cbs7.com delivered to your browser

SUBSCRIBE TO PUSH NOTIFICATIONS





Memorial Scholarship Fund

READ MORE >>