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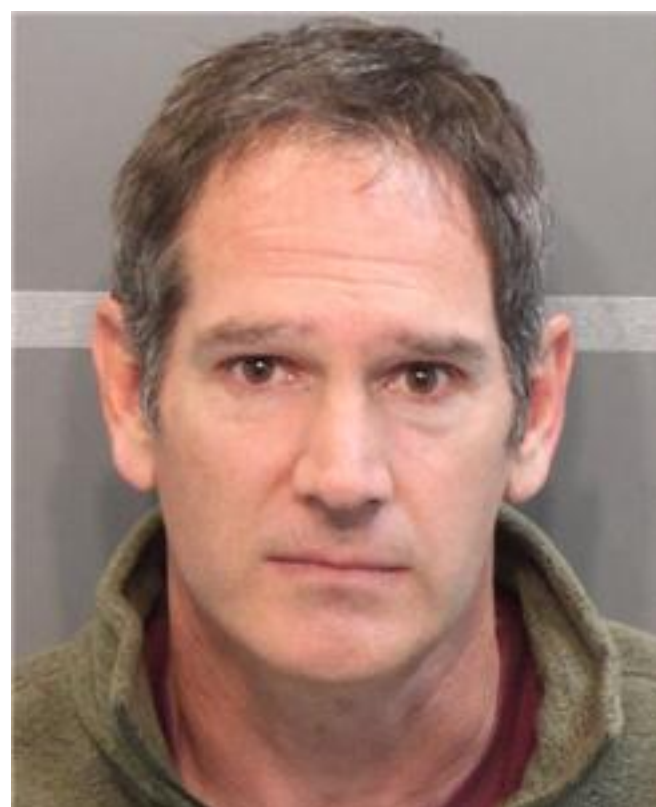
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### Police Say Pugh May Have Had As Many As 8 Sex Abuse Victims

Monday, November 17, 2014



**Charles David Pugh**

Police say 45-year-old Charles David Pugh may have had at least eight sexual abuse victims.

The statute of limitations has expired on many of the alleged incidents, but Pugh was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated statutory rape, it was stated.

Police said a youth who is now 20 said he was raped by Pugh on numerous occasions at Pugh's then residence at 3936 Churchill Road.

He said the last time he was allegedly orally sodomized by Pugh was between Nov. 1, 2010, and Dec. 23, 2010.

Pugh now lives at 315 James Blvd., Signal Mountain, according to information he gave the jail.

Police said Pugh was employed "in a capacity that placed him in a position of trust and limited authority over young men."

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He worked as an engineer at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum.

The TVRM issued this statement:

"Several months ago the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum was made aware that former employee Charles David Pugh, an engineer and shop machinist, was under investigation for possible criminal charges pertaining to activities outside of his employment at TVRM.

"Upon our being notified of the investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department in July, Mr. Pugh's employment was promptly terminated. We have not been further notified of any details of the charges, and thus are unable to make any further comment at this time."

The sheriff's office said on June 6 it received a sexual abuse report from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

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The affidavit against Pugh says, "In the report eight males were identified as possible victims of sexual abuse by Charles David Pugh."

An investigator said he spoke to at least three of the alleged victims "and could have developed probable cause warranting criminal charges or grand jury presentment, but the statute of limitations had expired."

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With a mandate from the voters in hand, Republicans now "have to lead," Hamilton County Republican Committeewoman Tina J. Benkiser told the Pachyderm Club on Monday. The former Texas Republican ... (click for more)

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As someone whose first vote was for Ronald Reagan in 1980, I can honestly say that I have consistently sought after the most conservative candidate I could find, but all too often I found myself voting for the lesser of two evils. But in 2009 the political landscape changed. When the Republicans could only muster up a miserable option by the name of John McCain to run against ... (click for more)

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Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who was once a nightclub bouncer as a young man in Buenos Aires before he joined a Jesuit order and later became the world's wonderful Pope Francis, is doubtlessly a good man. He has displayed kindness and humility as he has juggled his way through a time of same-sex marriage, abortion, and other issues that divide Christians the world over and he is quite ... (click for more)

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### **Silverdale Academy's Meadows Signs With Lee University**

On Tuesday, Silverdale Baptist Academy softball star Allison Meadows took another major step in her athletic career – one almost cut short in a tragic 2013 stabbing incident in Pittsburgh – by signing a scholarship with Lee University in Cleveland. "That's not something you really never get over," Meadows said at her signing ceremony at SBA, "because it's always going to be ... (click for more)

### **Ooltewah's Jones Signs Softball Grant With LMU**

Allie Jones, a three-sport star at Ooltewah, signed softball scholarship papers to Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., on Monday during a ceremony at the high school. A year ago Jones had "no clue" that LMU existed. However, during a hitting camp staged by Frost Cutlery, a long-time sponsor of softball in Chattanooga, LMU coach Natalie Layden was one of the ... (click for more)

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