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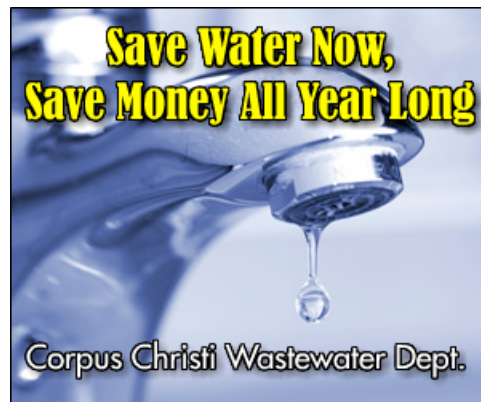
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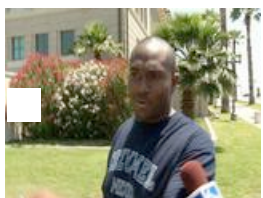
## McChester Comments on Federal Case

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CORPUS CHRISTI - A former Corpus Christi police officer accused of having sex with a teenage girl spoke publicly for the first time since his arrest on federal charges earlier this month. Robert McChester Junior was released on bond this afternoon.

He's charged of using the internet to coerce and entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. Prosecutors say he had a year-long sexual relationship with 15-year old girl he met at Tuloso Midway High School.

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McChester was all smiles as her exited the federal courthouse with his family by his side. He said he is just as excited to be heading home. "I've been apart of the criminal justice system and I know what to expect, so. And I believe in the system and I think things are gonna turn out good," McChester told us.

Prosecutors had sought to keep him in custody, but the judge ruled there wasn't enough evidence to prove he is a threat to the community.

He's been ordered to remain under house arrest at parents home and is already fitted with an ankle bracelet so officials can track his movements. His family will have to do without internet service as well as part of the conditions of his release. He also can't visit areas with children like schools, movie theatres or restaurants.

McChester told us it's a different experience being on the other side of the justice system. "I kinda know what's expected, but you know, so it's just a process," said McChester.

He also said he's very confident in his case and his lawyer. During previous hearings, the prosecuting attorney called McChester a child rapist. McChester said that's just the prosecutor doing his job, "I've been on the other side of things and you know... so... you know, we can't blame the guy I guess."

McChester has not been indicted by a federal grand jury. At this point his lawyer says he has no idea when the case will be presented.

According to federal court documents, McChester engaged in a year long sexual relationship with a Tuloso-Midway High School student that he met in person and became friends with on Facebook. Along with his job as a police officer, McChester worked security at the campus. He resigned from the department shortly after his arrest.

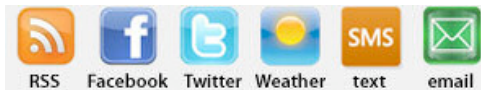


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
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