

# Former police officer sentenced in Opelika sex abuse case

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A former Midland City police officer was sentenced to 25 years in prison Wednesday for a sexual abuse conviction.

Christopher Allen Ford, 39, of Opelika, was convicted of sexual abuse of child under the age of 12 on Sept. 18 by Circuit Judge Chris Hughes. According to a statement released by the Lee County District Attorney's Office, Ford chose to forego a jury trial and be tried by Hughes instead.

Testimony in the case revealed that Ford sexually abused his girlfriend's 9-year-old daughter back in 2013 as he watched after her between August and November 2012 in Opelika. He was arrested June 19, 2013.

Ford was formerly employed as a police officer with the cities of Ozark and Midland City. He was convicted of third-degree burglary, third-degree domestic violence and violation of a protection from abuse order following a four-hour standoff he had with law enforcement in 2008 when he held his wife at gunpoint at their home in Ozark.

Prosecutor Clay Thomas declined comment on the case.



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