

## Former officer charged with sexual assault had ties to Neenah Police Department

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A former Wyoming police officer with ties to the Neenah Police Department has been charged with repeatedly sexually assaulting his 13-year-old neighbor 10 years ago.

Kirk B. Chapman, 40, of Appleton, was arrested Tuesday and charged Wednesday with repeated sexual assault of a child, police said.

Chapman acknowledged during a recorded phone call this week that he had sex with the girl, according to the criminal complaint.

The victim told police Chapman drove her to the YMCA, where they would train together for the Fox Cities Marathon. Chapman would then have sex with her on the way home from the gym, the complaint states.

She reported that she was afraid to say no and that Chapman told her the incidents must be kept secret or “it would ruin the dynamics of the neighborhood.”

Twice, Chapman went to her house when her family was away and tried to have sex with her, police said. Once, she refused and repeatedly pushed him away before he left.

When the teen began high school a few months later, Chapman got a job as a janitor at the school. The woman said she saw him every day in the halls or outside her classroom and felt he was stalking her.

Several months later, the Neenah Police Department hired Chapman as a police officer trainee, Chief Kevin Wilkinson told Post-Crescent Media in an email. He said Chapman was hired in July 2004, but did not perform well and was unable to make sound decisions as an officer.

Chapman did not complete the training program and was dismissed on Oct. 13, 2004, Wilkinson said.

Three years later, the man was hired as a police officer in Wyoming, according to The Powell (Wyoming) Tribune. He resigned in 2011 after a woman claimed he showed her a knife and forcefully initiated sexual contact with her. Chapman’s trial in Wyoming for charges of third-degree sexual assault is scheduled to begin in June.

He is scheduled to return to Outagamie County court on Tuesday. If convicted, he faces up to 40 years in prison. His bond was set at \$100,000.

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