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## Former top cops charged with running prostitution ring

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Moon police say two former award-winning Pittsburgh police partners teamed up again to run a prostitution ring.

Former Detective Faquar "Terry" Holland, 39, of Charleroi is scheduled for a preliminary hearing today on charges of promoting prostitution, conspiracy, participating in a corrupt organization and other crimes.

Moon police arrested Holland on Friday when a search showed his phone number and credit card were used in connection with online sex ads along with those of former Detective Talib "Kevin" Ghafoor, 55, of East Liberty.

"He was overtly very cooperative," Moon police Chief Leo McCarthy said of Holland. "He's made substantial admissions to his involvement in the case."

No attorney was listed for Holland. He could not be reached for comment.

Police arrested Ghafoor in March and charged him with promoting prostitution, conspiracy and possessing instruments of a crime during an undercover bust at the Courtyard Marriott in Moon. Police set up a meeting with a woman identified in an online sex ad as "Sally." The woman, identified as Sabina Sailer, 43, of Venice, Fla., told police the man who drove her to the hotel was waiting outside. She said he was her fiancé and a former Pittsburgh officer, McCarthy said. Officers arrested Ghafoor in the parking lot.

Police found more online ads with prostitutes connected to Ghafoor and Holland, according to criminal complaints. Police this month arrested Ghafoor on additional charges, including participating in a corrupt organization.

A judge ordered Sailer to stand trial on prostitution and other charges at a preliminary hearing in May. She is scheduled for formal arraignment July 21.

Holland and Ghafoor worked as partners in the city's East End and as narcotics detectives. They won back-to-back Officer of the Year awards -- Ghafoor in 1999 and Holland in 2000.

Holland reportedly told police why he got involved with the prostitution ring, but McCarthy declined to reveal what was said.

"Why do people typically get involved in crime?" McCarthy said. "They need money. There's some type of hardship in their lives. That's probably the case here."

Holland resigned from the department in November 2007 when he was charged with forgery and unsworn falsification to authorities. Police said he forged a letter from his landlord in an attempt to get a loan from the police bureau's Prudential retirement savings plan. He pleaded guilty to the forgery charge and was sentenced to probation.

Ghafoor has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Aug. 2. He resigned from city police in March 2008.

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