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State trooper and husband accused of running prostitution ring



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A former Connecticut state trooper and her husband were arrested Thursday on charges of running a prostitution ring.

NBC Connecticut obtained court documents that showed Pearl Kelly-Paris was running the illegal business with her husband, Jaykuan Paris, while still on the force.

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The State Police Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force began an investigation 11

months ago after receiving information from federal authorities regarding possible prostitution activities in Connecticut.

Kelly-Paris, 43, of New Britain, retired from the State Police in 2010, before the prostitution investigation began, according to Lt. Paul Vance. She had also worked as a state correction officer, Vance said.



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NBC Connecticut went to her New Britain home, Conn., but no one answered the door. Her neighbors were shocked by the allegations.

“I’m surprised especially living in this part of town,” said Jeanette Thomas.

Kelly-Paris’ arrest warrant was

sealed, but her husband’s

wasn’t and it detailed some disturbing allegations. The paperwork showed that in 2010, when she was still working as a state trooper, her husband was renting rooms for prostitutes in the Super 8 and Motel 6 in Rocky Hill and often used her name.

One of the alleged prostitutes reportedly said she saw Kelly-Paris drive up in a police cruiser wearing her uniform and met up with her husband, then gave him a digital camera. That woman alleged he then took pictures of the girls working for him to post prostitution ads on Craigslist.

“A state trooper is supposed to protect the place...not bring that kind of trash in,” Thomas said.

In the arrest warrant, the alleged prostitute told investigators Kelly-Paris would take the “dates” if customers were interested in someone older, and the workers were instructed to call her if someone made the request.

State Police said they started investigating her after she left the force, and on Thursday they still had many unanswered questions.

Both Kelly-Paris and her husband Jaykuan Paris are facing criminal charges in connection with the crime.

Kelly-Paris was released on a \$50,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court on June 11.

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