

## D.C. Officer Accused of "Pimping" Teens Arrested

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A D.C. police officer is facing felony charges following allegations he "pimped" teenage girls, police announced Wednesday.

Last week, 47-year-old Linwood Barnhill was found inside his Southeast D.C. apartment with a girl who had been reported missing. The girl told officers Barnhill had offered to arrange for her paid sex with other men, and that she met other women at the apartment who said they had worked as prostitutes for him, according to a search warrant affidavit. Police also say a mirror in the apartment displayed the names of other women who the teenager said were prostitutes, court documents state.

Barnhill was charged Wednesday with two counts of pandering a minor. In the District, pandering is defined as inducing or compelling an individual to engage in prostitution. If convicted, Barnhill could face up to 20 years in prison.

Barnhill's arrest came hours after a D.C. officer facing child porn charges was found dead in the waters of Hains Point in Southwest D.C. Last week, 32-year-old Marc Washington was arrested after he allegedly went to the home of a 15-year-old girl who had previously been reported missing, ordered her to remove her clothing and took photos of her, all while he was on duty.

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In a press conference last week, Lanier said that while both officers were from the same precinct, the two investigations were not connected.

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"As disheartening as it is to have members of this department involved in this type of conduct, I take solace in knowing that it was members of this department who worked tirelessly to ensure that they were brought to justice," Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier said in a release regarding Barnhill's arrest.

Barnhill, who has been with D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department for 24 years, has been on light duty since September 2012. D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier declined to comment on why Barnhill has been on light duty, citing medical privacy laws.

He is now on administrative leave and will appear in court Wednesday afternoon.

A third officer is also under investigation for possibly tipping Washington off about his forthcoming arrest earlier this week, sources said.

All three officers work in MPD's Seventh District, law enforcement sources said.

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