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Youth minister faces sex charges

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GASTONIA - A local youth minister has been charged with three counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor, police said Thursday.

Marty Eugene Meadows, 34, worked as a minister at the Sunset Lane Baptist Church in Bessemer City, police said. Meadows appeared before a magistrate and a judge Wednesday, and was released after posting a \$3,000 bond.

"There are multiple victims," said Capt. Tony Robinson, a spokesman with the Gaston County Police. "He was touching them in an inappropriate manner."

Further details were not immediately available.

A message left Thursday afternoon at Meadows' home near Dallas was not returned. No one answered phone calls at the church.

Meadows is not the only minister to face sexual charges in court this week.

On Wednesday, Lincoln County pastor Dewey "Eddie" White was found guilty in district court of propositioning a 15-year-old girl, prosecutors said. The charge was soliciting to commit a crime against nature, said Kay Killian, a Lincoln County prosecutor.

Killian said White was given a 45-day suspended sentence, and will be on supervised probation for three years. He also was ordered not to have unsupervised contact with minors while at work or in church, Killian said.

White also must submit to sex-offender evaluation, Killian said, and comply with recommended

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Detective LaVerne Bolick said White also had been found guilty in 1990 of taking indecent liberties with a minor. He was given a three-year suspended sentence, Bolick said, and served three years' probation.

White had been pastor of Heavenly View Full Gospel Baptist Church in Iron Station.

Neither White nor his lawyer could be reached for comment Thursday.

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