

Charges dismissed against officer

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A Skamania County judge on Thursday dropped first-degree child molestation and second-degree incest charges against a Bingen-White Salmon [police officer](#). Skamania County Superior Court Judge E. Thompson Reynolds found no evidence showing Joshua L. Gines had sexual contact with his infant son between May and January.

The allegations were based on statements made by Gines about having contact with his 9-month-old son while changing his diaper, but were not supported by any evidence, his [attorney](#) Steve Thayer said.

Gines was taken into custody in January, but posted bond and was released.

Gines, 30, of Carson is employed by the Bingen-White Salmon Police Department.

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