

# Man arrested after allegedly sending sexual messages to 14-year-old great-niece

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Timothy Harris was arrested August 31 for facilitating, encouraging, offering or soliciting sexual conduct or engaging in sexual communication with a minor. (Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office)

SPENCER, Okla (KOKH) — Timothy Harris, 54, was arrested after sending inappropriate pictures to his 14-year-old great-niece through Instagram direct messages.

The girl's father contacted the police and said his unclue, Harris, had been talking to his 14-year-old daughter in an increasingly inappropriate manor.

A deputy with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office took over the girl's Instagram account and monitored the messages Harris was sending her.

Through the nine days of monitoring, the deputy said Harris requested several pictures of the girl in a "bikini, sports bra, panties whichever."

Harris told the girl that he had a "file that's hidden deep in his phone" and needed "everything to be kept in secret."

August 30, Harris sent the girl a series of pictures that appeared to be an erected penis.

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Tinker Air Force Base, where Harris was working as a civilian employee, released this statement:

Tinker Air Force Base leadership is aware of a recent Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office investigation and arrest of a civilian employee who allegedly committed criminal conduct off base involving a minor. Tinker Air Force Base officials are cooperating with OCSO as it investigates this matter. The Air Force takes all allegations seriously and will continue to follow up on this case. Since the investigation is ongoing, we will not provide further comment on this case at this time; however, Tinker has placed the individual in AWOL and non duty pay status and will pursue action as details emerge