

# Former Midwest City officer sentenced to prison for pawning weapons

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Lucky Joe Harkins, 46, was sentenced to five years in prison April 12 in connection to pawning stolen weapons. (Oklahoma County Jail)

OKLAHOMA CITY (KOKH) — A former Midwest City Police Department officer has been sentenced to prison for pawning weapons belonging to the department.

Lucky Joe Harkins, 46, pleaded guilty April 12 to 22 counts of making a false declaration of ownership to a pawn broker, four counts of concealing stolen property and one count of embezzlement over \$500. Harkins was sentenced to five years in prison.

Harkins was a 21-year veteran of the Midwest City Police Department prior to being charged with the counts in December 2015.

Harkins, who was commander over the special investigations unit, allegedly used his undercover identification during the stolen guitar transaction. The Oklahoma City Police Department then sent a copy of the undercover license to Midwest City Police Department Chief Brandon Clabes who positively identified Harkins as an active officer.

The guitar was confirmed stolen from Eastland Hills Baptist Church.

Harkins was then brought into the Oklahoma City Police Department where he provided information regarding the stolen guitar incident.

On Nov. 10, Harkins resigned from the Midwest City Police Department. Harkins then allegedly admitted to pawning city equipment several times and also embezzling approximately \$1,500 from the special investigations unit of the Midwest City Police Department. Harkins also allegedly admitted to stealing a gun from a fellow officer.