

Dallas County jail guard quits after inmate's 'lap dance'

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A Dallas County jail guard has resigned while under investigation for allowing a 20-year-old male inmate to perform a sexually suggestive dance for her to music earlier this month, according to Sheriff's Department reports.

The "lap dance" occurred in the county's new direct supervision jail, where guards supervise inmates from inside the housing pods — a growing trend in corrections.

Witnesses said Officer Kytrina Lewis was close to the inmate, Gregory Miller, and gave him her personal cell phone, which contained photos of her to which he masturbated.

Lewis said in a statement that she knew Miller, of Dallas, from school.

"I asked Miller one day could he still dance like in school," she said. "He stated yes and on that particular day he did dance seductively behind my desk."

Miller said in a statement that he didn't know Lewis previously and that she asked him to dance for her. He said he and Lewis had been talking for about a month.

Miller is still in jail awaiting trial on charges of aggravated robbery and engaging in organized criminal activity.

In the south tower, known as the Suzanne Kays jail, officers are stationed behind a desk in each housing pod where they can directly observe inmates. Inside the housing pods, inmates are not separated into individual cells, but function in an open space where bunks also are located.

Miller and another inmate were seen by other guards hanging around Lewis' desk all night listening to music from a CD player that she brought into the housing pod, according to sheriff's reports. At one point, Miller heated up Lewis' food and brought her some water.

A 2006 Sheriff's Department policy bans the use of personal electronic devices including cellphones in secure areas of the jail.

Lewis, who was hired in July 2008, resigned Dec. 9 while under internal investigation, writing in a letter that it was in the "best interest of me and my family." She had been accused of fraternizing with inmates while on duty.

Jail guards reported seeing Miller dancing for Lewis behind her desk beginning on the early morning hours of Dec. 1, sheriff's reports said.

Officer Jerkeithra <u>Hawkins</u> said Lewis was sitting in a chair and Miller was facing her with his legs outside of hers. Miller was holding the back of her chair and "seductively swaying his hips," the statement said.

"He was moving his hips in a circular slow motion and motioning his body in a sexually erotic way as if he were a male dancer (stripper)," Hawkins wrote.

Miller's inner thigh touched Lewis' legs above the knees, Hawkins said.

The next day, around 4 a.m., Hawkins returned to watch Lewis because Miller had been "hanging out at the desk all night…listening to music, playing different CDs and talking on the officer's work phone."

Another inmate, Tevis Mayes, 36, was also with them and was leafing through several music CDs in a case, according to Hawkins.

Miller heated Lewis' food in the microwave, stirred it and brought it to her, reports show.

"They switched the CD and the party continued on well after the supervisors left," Hawkins said.

Officer Raynah Young said she also saw Miller and Mayes around Lewis' desk all night.

Lewis later admitted to having her CD player in the jail for seven days.

"He did not straddle me but he did dance seductively behind my desk," she said in her statement. "I played a song on the CD player and he danced. Yes that was inappropriate, but I wasn't thinking and I did know that it was wrong for me to have the CD player."