

Political consultant Davenport denies child sex abuse allegations

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Following serious sexual abuse allegations against political consultant Marc Davenport, pictured above, posted to social media last week, Harris County officials are trying to determine what jurisdiction the alleged crimes took place in order to launch an investigation.

The Ninth Court of Appeals in Beaumont granted a motion by the state to postpone the oral arguments for Precinct 2 Commissioner Charlie Riley and political consultant Marc Davenport, pictured, regarding the constitutionality of part of the Texas Open Meetings Act.



Political consultant Marc Davenport enters the 221st District Court before the trial on Monday, April 3, 2017.

Following serious child sexual abuse allegations against political consultant Marc Davenport posted to social media last week, Harris County officials are trying to determine which law enforcement jurisdiction is responsible for launching an investigation into the alleged crimes.

Davenport has not been charged or investigated in any related allegation; and as of Monday afternoon, no offense report regarding the allegations had been filed with any law enforcement agency in Harris County. Jurisdiction probably would fall under the Houston Police Department or the Harris County Sheriff's Office, according to law enforcement officials.

Davenport, who works with numerous Montgomery County elected officials and political candidates, including his wife, County Treasurer Stephanie Davenport, maintains his innocence.

"Mr. Davenport denies these allegations and will defend them at the appropriate time, if necessary," said prominent Conroe defense attorney Steve Jackson, who is representing Marc Davenport in this matter as well as his Texas Open Meetings Act case.

Last week in posts on another individual's Facebook page, which have since been deleted, a woman came forward accusing Marc Davenport of sexually assaulting her and her sister more than 20 years ago. The girls lived in Kingwood with their mother, who was married to Marc Davenport at the time.

Montgomery County Attorney J D Lambright, although not involved in the case, said there are different statutes of limitations on sex crimes against children. "There is no limitation for sexual assault of a child or indecency with a child," Lambright explained. "For sexual performance by a child (or kidnapping or burglary with intent to commit a sexual offense), the limitation period is 20 years from the date the victim turns 18. "Any other sexual offense felony involving children would have a three-year limitation period, unless it is a case involving trafficking or bigamy, which have 10-year limitation periods."

Davenport, as a political consultant, is associated with a handful of candidates in the March 6 Republican primary elections, as well as other elected officials. Only County Judge Craig Doyal, who has used Davenport's consulting services in the past but is not involved in Doyal's re-election campaign, has commented on the allegations, stating on social media that the allegations are "disturbing and disgusting."

Davenport, Doyal and Precinct 2 Commissioner Charlie Riley are currently under criminal indictment for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act during negotiations of the 2015 November road bond. A trial date has not been set because attorneys are battling over the constitutionality over a portion of TOMA, which most likely is headed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.