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US Citizen Charged With Debauchery

Phnom Penh Municipal Court charged US citizen Garry Evans Jackson, 56, with debauchery Wednesday, court officials said. Officers from the Foreigners Police Department at the Ministry of Interior arrested Jackson on Monday at his rental house in Phnom Penh's Boeung Tumpon commune, Meanchey district. According to an arresting officer, Jackson committed debauchery crimes with three boys—ages 8, 10 and 13—numerous times until parents of the 10-year-old victim filed complaints with the police.

The officer, who asked not to be named, said pictures of the boys unclothed and other evidence were confiscated from Jackson's house. He also said Jackson was taken to Prey Sar prison after the court charged him. Jackson is a former US soldier and current pensioner, said Ouk Savuth, the municipality's chief prosecutor. He cited Nov Leakna, deputy chief of the Foreigners Police Department, as his source for that information. *(Saing Soenthrith)*