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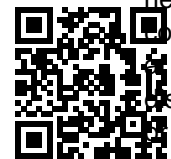
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NASHVILLE - A Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate who is charged with solicitation of a minor had a "severe mental disease" at the time of his alleged crime, according to a mental evaluation. Authorities say a 7-year-old girl riding her bike in front of the Johnson City apartment of Thomas K. Owens one day in May 2011 was invited inside. According to authorities, the 36-year-old then allegedly hugged the girl, unzipped his pants and asked her to perform a sex act. The girl ran home and told her mother, who notified police, authorities added. Owens, one of several Democratic candidates vying to challenge Republican incumbent Bob Corker, told investigators the girl had been in his apartment. As for the allegation, he stated: "I have a problem with that," but did not elaborate. The Johnson City Press reported that while the case was in General Sessions Court last year, Owens was sent to Lakeshore Mental Health Institute for an evaluation to determine whether he was competent to stand trial. According to the

newspaper, the Lakeshore team determined that Owens was competent, but concluded Owens was suffering from a "severe mental disease" at the time of his alleged crime. However ... "The severe mental disease ... did not impair his ability to appreciate the nature of his wrongful acts or the alleged offense."

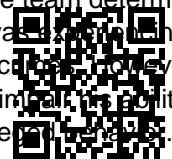
The case went to the grand jury last month. Owens' attorney David Robbins, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he had just gotten the case and was still reviewing it.



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"It's too early in the litigation to comment," Robbins said.

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Democratic Party spokesman Brandon Puttbrese said the party has not spoken with Owens or his campaign, and is seeking a "legal remedy to try to remove his name from the ballot."

"There's no place for a candidate like that on the Democratic ticket in Tennessee," he.