

Jacksonville officer charged with sexual battery on minor

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The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office evidence technician charged with multiple sex offenses Saturday is accused of molesting a juvenile female acquaintance in his home while his own kids slept in their beds.

Nineteen-year department veteran Donald L. Silcott, 47, was arrested at his home and remains in custody on \$600,018 bail for three counts of sexual battery on a child between 12 and 18 by a custodial authority and three counts of lewd and lascivious battery, according to Sheriff's Office reports and jail Web site.

Police said the assault occurred Thursday evening after Silcott picked up the girl and took her to his Jacksonville home. After his children had gone to bed, he asked if she wanted a foot massage, the victim told police.

She said no but he gave her one anyway, and the massage escalated into sexual activity including rubbing and kissing her buttocks and sexually assaulting her, the arrest report said.

About 4 a.m. Friday, an Orange Park woman reported finding the girl on her doorstep crying and holding a picture of Silcott and a note with his name, address and the date of the incident, police said. The girl also wanted to go to the hospital, the woman told police.

Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Lauri-Ellen Smith would not say how the victim got from Silcott's home to Orange Park or how, as the report states, she was eventually transported to a medical facility where she underwent a sexual assault examination.

Each of the charges against Silcott carry \$100,003 bail and all stem from a single incident, Smith said.

The police report did not disclose the number and ages of Silcott's own children. Several details, including the purpose of the victim's visit to Silcott's home, were redacted from the report.

Silcott's Facebook page lists him as single, interested in women and employed at the Sheriff's Office.

In a prepared statement, Sheriff John Rutherford said the arrest and charges occurred after officers from the integrity and sex crimes units worked with the State Attorney's Office to investigate the allegations. The investigation is continuing.

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