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Former state trooper faces sexual assault charges

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn. - A former Tennessee state trooper was taken into custody on Wednesday for having a sexual relationship with a minor.

Wade Williams is charged with two counts of aggravated statutory rape, sexual exploitation of a minor and two counts of especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor.

The victim is a female under the age of 15.

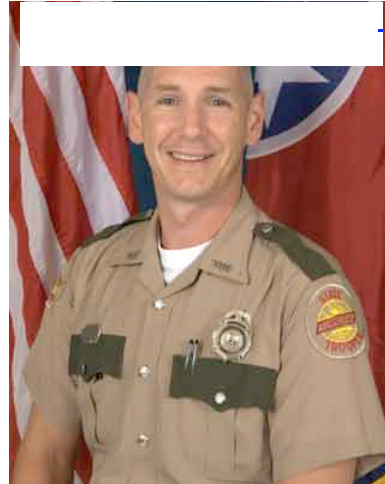
According to authorities, the case originated after a complaint was received.

"A charge of this nature is always disturbing, but it is particularly so when a law enforcement officer is accused. This type of behavior does not represent the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve and protect the citizens of Tennessee," Department Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons said.

Williams turned himself into the Pickett County Sheriff's Department Wednesday morning.

He has since been released on \$100,000 bond.

Williams resigned from his position earlier this year.



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