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Former APD officer faces child sex charges

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AHOSKIE – A local law enforcement officer has found himself on the wrong side of prison bars.

Wednesday night, Ahoskie Police Lt. Andres Jorge Snape Jr. was arrested by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations and charged with 21 felonies involving alleged sexual relations with a minor.



Andres J. Snape

Snape, who had been with the Ahoskie Police since 2004, was immediately terminated from employment.

According to information provided by Ahoskie Police Chief Troy Fitzhugh, Snape stands charged with seven counts each of statutory rape, indecent liberties with a child, and statutory sexual offense.

Fitzhugh said SBI agents transported Snape to the Hertford County Jail in Winton where he was held under a \$1 million secured bond. It is not known at this point if Snape has made bail. The Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald is attempting to find out if Snape was jailed in Hertford County or transported elsewhere after being processed in Winton.

“All I can tell you at this point is that the SBI is handling this case upon my request,” Fitzhugh said.

He added that upon receiving information of an alleged complaint on Jan. 22, Fitzhugh said he contacted the SBI.

“I made a request to Cheryl McNeil, Special Agent In-Charge, and the next day I met with Agent Lolita Chapman. The (criminal complaint) information was transferred to Agent Lolita Chapman.

“We are sworn to uphold the laws in the State of North Carolina. When given information that an officer was involved, I responded immediately,” Fitzhugh added.

At that point, Fitzhugh said Snape was immediately placed on administrative leave with pay. He added that in less than two weeks, Agent Chapman and Agent Colleen Walters finished their investigation.

“I would like to thank the N.C. SBI for assistance with this investigation and handling the investigation with professionalism and integrity,” Fitzhugh said.

Snape’s first court appearance is scheduled for Friday.

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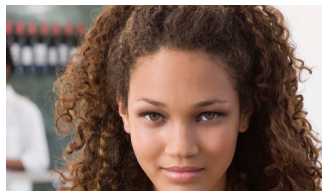
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It is so sad that we still have those who violate children; so sorry for his family and children who must now suffer for his undesirable behavior. but I see no difference between this and a school employee who tries to sell jobs to young girls for sex. Ronald Gatling was sworn in as a county commissioner to do what was best for the county, apparently not young girls. He seems to have difficulty with both. We need people of integrity to stand up and help move this county in the right direction.

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The people who are hired to protect and serve the community aren't the ones who are suppose to be the ones behind bars. In this case, it's a different situation. They are hired to protect us,not harm us. I hope full justice is brought against this individual. No BAIL or BOND!!

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