

Cherokee police officer accused in rape, soliciting prostitution

Cherokee police officer David Cole, 46, was charged Thursday on multiple offenses. The officer was at his apartment with a 19-year-old woman he met at the courthouse when his assistance was needed elsewhere, according to a probable cause affidavit.

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CHEROKEE — A Cherokee police officer accused of ignoring a call Saturday while at his apartment with a 19-year-old woman was charged Thursday in Alfalfa County on counts of rape and soliciting prostitution, among other offenses.

David Cole, 46, faces misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution and willful omission to perform the duties of a public officer, and felony counts of rape by instrumentation and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

Cole and the woman met last week at the Alfalfa County Courthouse where the woman had pending criminal cases on charges including drug violations, drunken driving and harboring a fugitive, according to an affidavit filed by Shane Vore, an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agent.

Cole twice invited the woman to his apartment, according to the affidavit. On one occasion, the court document alleges, he stopped by her residence and offered money and a phone card in exchange for sexual activities. The second conversation occurred at a convenience store where Cole offered to pay a baby sitter to watch her children, the affidavit states.



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