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DPS officer arrested in prostitution case

The Associated Press

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Police in Albuquerque say they've arrested a state police officer after an investigation that began when he was spotted picking up a prostitute. A warrant charges 34-year-old Timothy Carlson with extortion, bribery, soliciting prostitution, sex charges and violating ethics laws. He was arrested late Friday after he allegedly picked up a prostitute who had been acting as a police informant and drove to the state fairground and parked.

He was in custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Albuquerque on Saturday. Online records didn't list an attorney.

The warrant alleges that Carlson had sex several times with female prostitutes he picked up in Albuquerque while driving his unmarked police vehicle. He was assigned to the Department of Public Safety's special investigations division.

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