

Merseyside police officers investigated over alleged sexual exploitation

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Two Merseyside Police officers are being investigated over allegations they abused their positions to sexually exploit women.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is managing two separate investigations being carried out by the Merseyside force.

One of the claims to be investigated is that a sergeant threatened to arrest a woman unless she performed a sex act on him.

The alleged incident is said to have happened while he was on patrol in

Liverpool.

The officer is also being investigated over the handling of police property.

A detective constable is also being investigated after reports he asked a victim of domestic violence to perform a sex act on him, then continued to contact her in an inappropriate manner over a prolonged period of time.

A spokesman for the IPCC said: “Both investigations will look at other potential victims and examine whether Merseyside Police has adequate systems to identify officers abusing their powers for sexual gratification.”

IPCC Commissioner James Dipple-Johnstone will oversee the investigations.

Both officers have been suspended from duty by Merseyside Police.

Merseyside Police’s Professional Standards Department confirmed two separate investigations into alleged misconduct were referred by the IPCC.

A force spokesman said: “Both officers have been suspended whilst the allegations are investigated.

“As the investigations are on-going it would be inappropriate to comment any further at this time.

“Merseyside Police is absolutely committed to the highest integrity and professional standards of its officers at all times.

“In November last year the Police Integrity and Corruption report by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary found that the force takes issues of police integrity and corruption very seriously. The report stated that senior officers of the force have been proactive in taking important messages to the workforce and in developing a climate in which professional behaviour is encouraged and valued.”