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Ex-APD Detective Indicted on Rape Charges

By Scott Sandlin, Journal Staff Writer

Former Albuquerque Police Department vice squad detective Timothy J. Chavez was indicted Wednesday on felony rape charges, five months after his initial arrest.

The New Mexico Attorney General's Office released copies of the indictment against Chavez, 34, stemming from the alleged criminal sexual penetration and kidnapping in April of a 14-year-old girl he met through a telephone dating service.

Chavez, an undercover officer at the time of the alleged incident, is charged with nine counts, including criminal sexual penetration, attempted sexual penetration, sexual contact of a minor and kidnapping. All but one count are felonies.

The Attorney General's Office took over the case because of conflicts in the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office.

Chavez, a 13-year veteran of APD, was released on \$75,000 bond after his arrest May 24. Chavez was placed on administrative leave but was fired about six weeks later.

A criminal complaint in the case said Chavez and the girl made contact on Live Links on April 22, and the girl, a ninth-grader, invited him over. Although she told him she did not want to have sex, the man allegedly ignored her and had sex with her, according to arrest records. She called police after the incident, and they took DNA.

A month later, the alleged victim saw Chavez at a restaurant and police were called, court records state. Police executed search warrants for Chavez's home and vehicle and obtained a DNA sample, according to earlier reports.

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