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Cathedral City police officer charged with sexual assault while on duty

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A Cathedral City police officer accused of stripping off his uniform while on duty and jumping into a pool with three women, allegedly sexually assaulting one of them, was charged with multiple counts Thursday by the Riverside County district attorney's office.

John Fox Jr., 37, was responding to a noise complaint at the home where the incident allegedly occurred Sept. 29.

During the course of his investigation, Fox took off his clothes and jumped into the pool. The owner of the home called 911, but before other officers arrived, Fox put his uniform back on and left, according to a statement released by the prosecutor's office.

Fox has been charged with one count of attempted sexual penetration, one count of assault under the color of authority, indecent exposure and sexual battery.

He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

-- Phil Willon in Riverside

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