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Temple Police Officer Accused of Sexual Battery

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TEMPLE, Ga. - The Carroll County Sheriff's Office is investigating allegations a Temple police officer sexually battered a woman in front of her child.

Officer Lee Powell was arrested and charged with Sexual Battery, Battery, Cruelty to Children, and False Imprisonment. Court documents allege Powell was fondling the victim and threw her on the couch as her 6-year-old came into the room. She said she was able to use her child's entrance to flee the house.

The Temple police chief put Powell on unpaid administrative leave. He is also looking into Powells on-the-job performance given accusations which surfaced he may have used his position to run tags of vehicles in front of the woman's home.

Mac Pilgram, the lawyer for Lee Powell, told FOX 5 News that all contact was consensual and there never was a time the woman could not leave. He points to the 48-hours it took for the woman to report the incident as being suspicious. Pilgram said the truth will come out at trial.

Powell's first appearance was Wednesday. He is currently out of jail on \$20,000 bond. He is expected to appear before the Carroll County Superior Court on May 5th.

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