

Bethel police officer indicted on rape, sexual battery charges

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- BATAVIA, Ohio —A Bethel police officer has resigned after being indicted on rape and sexual battery charges.

According to a Clermont County grand jury indictment, Brandon Brenes, 25, was charged Thursday with rape and sexual battery.

The Clermont County prosecutor said the alleged sexual assault happened in Amelia on Dec. 28, 2014. He said the victim is 25 years old and knows Brenes.

The indictment said he engaged in sexual contact with another person when their ability to consent was substantially impaired.

Brenes, of Batavia, submitted his resignation to the village administrator Thursday.

In a statement released to WLWT News 5, Village Administrator Travis Dotson said the village was not part of the investigation, prosecution or defense of Brenes.

Dotson said the village takes all allegations of criminal wrongdoing against its employees very seriously.

Brenes was being held in the Clermont County Jail. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment on Friday morning and was ordered held on \$100,000 bond.

A pre-trial hearing has been set for May 12.