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A man who was supposed to enforce the law is accused of breaking it. The officer is in jail, accused of child sex crimes. He's being held in the Sedgwick County jail in protective custody, not only because he is a cop but because of his charges.

On February 14th, Sedgwick police officer Anthony Peluso was arrested. According to court records, Peluso has engaged in oral sex, anal sex, and sexual intercourse over the last three years with a young teenage girl.

He faces seven felony charges including three counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, three counts of criminal sodomy, and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

The state alleges his victim is someone he knew well and had a lot of access to over the years. The Sedgwick Police Chief tells KAKE News Peluso had only been with department the last several months and is now suspended without pay until the criminal case is complete.

Peluso's bond is set at \$100,000 due to the nature of the charges. And because of those charges and that he is a police officer, it makes him a possible target to other inmates in the jail. So, he has been placed in protective custody.

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