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A four-year veteran of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff/s Department was arrested and booked into the Santa Maria jail on suspicion of lewd acts with a child.

Deputy Jon Charles Holm, 31, was arrested Friday evening at the Santa Maria Sheriff/s Substation, officials said. Holm was assigned to the North County Operations Division and patrolled the North County central stations.

After Holm was arrested and booked by Santa Barbara County officials, he was transferred to the San Luis Obispo County Jail where he remained Saturday afternoon. Bail is set at ,500,000, officials said.

Holm has been under investigation by Santa Barbara officials since early June when the Sheriff/s Department was notified that Holm may have been in a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old female, according to a written statement released by the department Saturday.

He is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation, according to the statement by Sgt. Erik Raney.

Holm is charged with multiple violations of lewd acts with a child, officials said. The investigation is ongoing.

The alleged victim is now 16 years old and is not being identified publicly by authorities.

This is the second arrest by Santa Barbara County Sheriff/s deputies in roughly two weeks on charges related to sexual misconduct with a minor.

On June 21, deputies arrested Michael Cardoza, 57, a Pioneer Valley High School math teacher at his Orcutt home on suspicion of molesting a 16-year-old male student. Cardoza has pleaded not guilty and is free on ,200,000 bail.

Earlier in June, David Eugene Grey an elementary teacher at Dana School in Nipomo, was arrested on suspicion of committing lewd and lascivious acts 7 the incident has since been described as a kiss 7 against a 10-year-old female student. Grey has pleaded not guilty and is free on ,50,000 bail.



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