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# Police Chief Arrested For Alleged Pope County Rape

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A small town police chief is on an unfamiliar side of the jailhouse bars, following his arrest on allegations of rape. Russellville police arrested 36-year-old Shawn Goodwin Friday. Goodwin has served as Plainview police chief for the past ten months. He is accused of raping a Pope County woman in 2006. Goodwin agreed to meet with Russellville police for questioning and was arrested shortly afterward. The age of the alleged victim is currently being withheld and Goodwin is being held in the Pope County Jail. "He was a National Guard soldier in Iraq and a med flight medic for Angel One in Little Rock," said Plainview Mayor Doug Forrest. "They did

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extensive background checks and had no idea about what happened. We had no idea." "I just can't believe he did anything like this," said family friend Marilyn Treat. "I believe it must be a mistake, mistaken names or something because I just don't believe it was Shawn." Forrest says Goodwin is suspended with pay and the city council is meeting next week to discuss the situation. In the meantime, the Yell County Sheriff's Department will patrol the town until the matter is resolved. Goodwin has a bond hearing Monday morning.

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