

Officer, wife charged with sexual assault on child

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VIRGINIA, Ill. (AP) -- A six-year veteran of the Beardstown Police Department who was arrested last week on domestic battery charges now faces allegations of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child.

Shane A. Lisenbee was charged Wednesday in Cass County Circuit Court with four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child. His wife, Stephanie, was also arrested at the Cass County Courthouse on a warrant alleging two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child.

The charges allege Shane Lisenbee, 32, committed sexual acts, including sexual intercourse, with a girl and committed a sexual act with a boy, both of whom were younger than age 13. Stephanie Lisenbee is accused of having sexual intercourse with the boy.

The charges also accuse the couple of aiding each other in the alleged crimes. The offenses are alleged to have occurred between Nov. 1, 2006, and Dec. 31 of last year, and involve two children who are known to the couple.

All the charges are Class X felonies, and each is punishable by six to 30 years imprisonment.

Stephanie Lisenbee was taken to the Schuyler County Jail, where she is being held in lieu of \$300,000. Shane Lisenbee is being held in the Pike County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

In light of the criminal charges being filed against Mr. Lisenbee, the city is weighing its options about his continued employment.

'It's possible that the city will have to take formal action to remove Officer Lisenbee,' City Attorney George McClure said. 'Obviously, it appears that Officer Lisenbee will not be coming back to the force, but we don't want to prejudice the ongoing court proceeding by initiating, perhaps, proceedings of our own.'

The Lisenbees' three children were placed with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The couple's children were removed from the home Friday, after the allegations of domestic battery were made against Mr. Lisenbee.

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