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Chattanooga Police Officer Arrested on Statutory Rape, Other Charges

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Chattanooga Police Officer Chad E. Bradley

Monday 5:40 p.m.

Chattanooga Police arrested one of their own Friday evening. 35-year-old Chad Bradely is facing charges of aggravated statutory rape, statutory rape by an authority figure and tampering with evidence. The charges allege Bradley had consensual sex with a 17-year-old girl from Meigs County.

Investigators say the victim told them the relationship started in July and that two had had sex on several occasions. At least twice were while Bradley was on duty. One alleged encounter happened at the fire police outing club on Pan Gap Road.

The victim also told detectives the two had had sex just four days prior to Bradley's arrest.

Meigs County investigators say Bradley is under investigation in their county for the same allegations. Investigators say in Meigs the alleged consensual sex happened at the victim's home and another house.

Meigs County investigators say they'll likely present the case to the grand jury in November.

Bradley was a nine-year veteran of CPD. In light of these charges he was fired. He patrolled the Lookout Valley area.

Friday 7:30 p.m.

Eyewitness News has just learned Chad Bradley has been relieved of duty. He was hired in 2000.

Friday 7 p.m.

CHATTANOOGA (WRCB) - Eyewitness News has just confirmed a Chattanooga Police officer has been arrested.

Chattanooga Police Department Major Crimes has charged Chattanooga Police Officer Chad E. Bradley, 35, with:

- Aggravated Statutory Rape TCA
- Statutory Rape by an Authority Figure
- Tampering with Evidence

According to police, the investigation was initiated Wednesday. Investigation revealed Officer Bradley allegedly had consensual sexual encounters with an underage girl from Meigs County.

Chattanooga investigators and Meigs County Sheriff's investigators located the 17-year-old victim Friday and interviewed her and confirmed several consensual sexual encounters, two of which were while Officer Bradley was on duty. Their relationship started in July 2009. The victim stated consensual sex occurred as recently as four days ago in Meigs County.

Police say the charges filed Friday are from a consensual sexual encounter that occurred in August 2009 at a Fire Police Outing Club Property.



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The investigation is still ongoing as incidents have occurred in two Tennessee counties (Meigs and Hamilton) and possibly three law enforcement jurisdictions.

Police say additional charges may be pending once law enforcement jurisdictions have been verified on the other incidents.

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