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# Judge orders officer to trial for alleged felony

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FAIRFIELD — A Winters police officer was ordered today to stand trial on a felony charge of committing a lewd act on a child.

David D. Reeves was trembling at the defense table at the end of a probable cause hearing as Judge Mike Mattice said the testimony he heard was more than sufficient to warrant a future trial.

Reeves, 53, a police officer for more than nine years, was baby-sitting a 14-year-old girl and her younger sister while his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend were gone on a camping trip during the Labor Day weekend.

According to police testimony:

- The teen told police Reeves “practically begged her” to play Truth or Dare while they were watching TV in the living room of his Fairfield home. She told him it was inappropriate.
- Later in the evening, Reeves gave her two doses of the cold medication Nyquil, which she said made her very sleepy. She was reluctant to take the medicine but Reeves agreed to give her a cell phone if she took the medicine.
- The girl went to bed and was awakened twice in the middle of the night. The first time she felt her bed moving. The second time she awoke she realized her pants and underwear were down below her knees, her nightshirt was over her chest and her bra was unhooked. Reeves was lying next to her.
- After the girl reported the incident to police, she made a recorded phone call to Reeves following up on a text message she sent about his alleged promise to never do “it” again. Reeves refused to talk about the matter with her over the phone. When she asked him why he climbed into bed with her he said, “I don’t know, I just did. It’s nothing.”
- After he was arrested, Reeves told police he had only given the girl a brief shoulder massage at her request. He said nothing unusual had happened but when asked about the girl’s claims of locking herself in the bathroom in the middle of the night, Reeves recalled the girl suddenly leaving the bedroom, according to police testimony.

Reeves’ attorney, Brian Watson, argued there was no evidence Reeves had touched the girl inappropriately.

“It’s all speculation that (Reeves) did something,” Watson told Mattice before raising the possibility the girl’s clothes had “misadjusted” while she was asleep.

Watson also urged Mattice to drop the felony charge to a misdemeanor because Reeves still has a

€æthe privilege and honor of wearing a badge.â€

Mattice was unmoved and ordered Reeves back to court May 25 to be arraigned on the felony charge. He remains free on \$250,000 bail.

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