

Bond set for deputy charged with giving 14-year-old girls alcohol

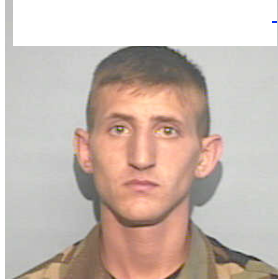
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SUMTER, SC (WIS) - Bond has been set for a Sumter County sheriff's deputy accused of providing alcohol to teenagers, including the 14-year-old daughter of a state trooper.

Deputy Michael Boulware was arrested and charged with three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Bond was set at \$10,000 for each of the charges, for a total of \$30,000.

"It was very surprising, very devastating, I'm very upset about it," said Highway Patrol Officer Robert Falls of Sumter.



Michael Boulware (Source: SCSD)

Falls says his daughter was one of three 14-year old girls who got alcohol from Boulware.

"It was just devastating to know that my child being only 14 years old is already experimenting with alcohol," says Falls.

Falls says Boulware knows his daughter, because he's a friend of the family. His daughter says in April, Boulware brought a bottle of alcohol to her friend's house.

"I understand he had been around drinking along with them," Falls says.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Department says the father of one of the girls found out about the incident Thursday night, and he called the sheriff's department. The sheriff's department terminated Boulware and arrested him.

"This is very surprising because we're out here to protect and serve the public and then when one of our own do this, we have to take a stance and take care of the situation," says Captain Allen Dailey.

Dailey says Boulware worked for the sheriff's department in 2007 and rejoined earlier this year. He worked as a patrol officer, enforcing many alcohol-related crimes.

"Him being a brother law enforcement officer, I don't understand," says Falls. "We have enough out here on the streets to worry about. With our jobs and trying to keep the kids straight and we have a brother law enforcement ruining it all for us. I don't understand, I'm very upset about it."

Boulware is spending the night at the Sumter County Detention Center. He'll have a bond hearing in the morning.

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