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## **Rochelle police officer arrested**



Jason Parks Houston  
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Rochelle — A 25-year-old Rochelle Police Department officer has been arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on a charge of child molestation.

Gary Rothwell, the agent in charge of the GBI office in Perry where the accused turned himself in Tuesday, identified the officer allegedly involved in the incident as Jason Parks.

Parks, who joined the Rochelle police force this past May, was booked during the noon hour on the day of his arrest was released from the Houston County Detention Center on \$20,000 bond shortly after 3 p.m.

Authorities have declined to provide the specifics leading to the arrest of Parks other than to say he is accused of having unforced sex with a teen-age girl under the age of consent.

City officials said friday that Parkers' employment with the police department has been terminated.