



Sheriff Disappointed In Deputy's Rape Arrest

David Lewellen Accused Of Raping 6-Year-Old

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THIBODAUX, La. -- Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre said Wednesday that he is disappointed one of his deputies has been arrested on accusations of raping a 6-year-old child.

Investigators said the child told a school teacher last week about sexual acts with a family member. David Lewellen, 33, was arrested Tuesday.

Webre said Lewellen worked as a deputy from 2002 until 2004, and then left and returned in 2005.

There have been no reports of problems while he was on duty.

"In the period of time that he worked, we checked his personnel file (and found) maybe five or six write-ups, most of them related to driving," Webre said.

But an investigation shows that Lewellen maybe have had several sexual encounters with the child for nearly a year, Webre said.

"But we stand proud by the fact that we are investigating this crime and we're putting the perpetrator behind bars," Webre said.

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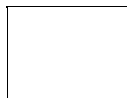
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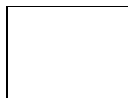
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