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Deputies arrest officer on sex charges

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INDEPENDENCE, LA (WAFB) - A police officer in the town of Independence was arrested Tuesday afternoon on sex charges.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office arrested Floyd Cooksey, 35, around 4 p.m. on six counts of sexual misconduct, including three counts of carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

Cooksey was an officer with the Independence Police Department. According to Police Chief Frank Edwards III, he was informed of the allegations Sunday afternoon and suspended Cooksey before his shift Sunday night.

"Although Cooksey's arrest is a blow to this department, there was but one right thing to do, and it was done," Edwards said. "The public will see this for what it is - a rogue officer who broke the law, was caught, and will be dealt with accordingly."

Cooksey was hired in July 2009 under former Police Chief Anthony Maurer. Maurer pleaded guilty last week to federal charges.

Edwards emphasized the current officers are capable and dedicated to the safety and protection of the public.

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