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## Officer Accused Of Sex With Teen Girl



### Police Officer Arrested, Accused Of Sex With 17-Year-Old

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**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.** -- An Altamonte Springs police officer was arrested for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old girl, and police said it had been going on for months, WFTV learned Friday.

WFTV reported earlier this month that Clay Toomes resigned from the Altamonte Springs police force. Now, there are details about the criminal investigation that led to it.

It all started when the victim gave Officer Toomes her e-mail address at Orlando Regional Medical Center, where the high school girl was volunteering when the officer showed up to interview a patient involved in a traffic crash.

Officer James "Clay" Toomes resigned from the Altamonte Springs Police Department earlier this month, following four months of suspension while under investigation by Orlando police.

Neighbors watched in March as officers served a warrant at his Orlando home.

"I came outside and saw a bunch of police cars out here and I was wondering what was going on," said neighbor Orchard Davis.

According to court documents, the 38-year-old officer had sex with the 17-year-old girl. Police said he knew the victim was underage and a student at a local high school.

In one e-mail, the girl wrote, "I'm 17. I have no problem with the age gap, but you might."

Toomes then replied, "I have to start by asking you, when do you turn 18?"

Documents show over the course of 5 months, they exchanged 89 e-mails. They exposed themselves to each other over the internet on a video chat account Toomes created under a fake name.

They met on several occasions and had sex at least three times.

In one e-mail she wrote: "Birth control doesn't work 1 percent of the time. I carried your child until I had that spontaneous abortion."

Investigators won't confirm if she really carried his child.

No one answered at Toomes home when WFTV went to try to interview him. Neighbors said they're shocked an officer would be involved with someone so young.

"That's wrong. He should be setting an example for young kids," Orchard Davis said.

Orlando police filed the case as unlawful sex with a minor, a sex crime.

But WFTV wanted to know why the State Attorney's Office is charging him with child abuse. The state said it files what it thinks it can prove in court.

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