## Former Lewis Co. Sheriff's Deputy charged with statutory rape

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A former Lewis County Sheriff's Deputy is in trouble with the law for allegedly having consensual sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old female in July 2009.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Department says John Benn of LaBelle, is charged with one count of statutory rape.

After an initial investigation by the Sheriff's Office, the matter was referred to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for further investigation.

Benn was released from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office after posting a \$20,000 cash only bond.

His next scheduled court appearance is January 3rd.

