

Cypress police officer arrested at Murrieta home for alleged molestation

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A Cypress police officer was in custody today for allegedly molesting a young female relative at his Murrieta home.

Ross Albert Bowlin, 27, was arrested Wednesday and booked on suspicion of oral copulation of a child under 10 years old.

The suspect was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

Murrieta police Sgt. Jim Ganley said the police department was notified by the Orange County Sheriff's Department on May 27 that the girl had alleged being sexually assaulted by Bowlin while visiting his residence in the 23000 block of Cork Oak Circle.

Bowlin has been on paid administrative leave from the Cypress Police Department since November, according to Cypress police Capt. Jackie Gomez-Whiteley.

"It's an ongoing personnel matter, so state law precludes us from divulging any details regarding the reasons for his being put on leave," Gomez- Whiteley said. "It's unrelated (to the molestation) allegations."

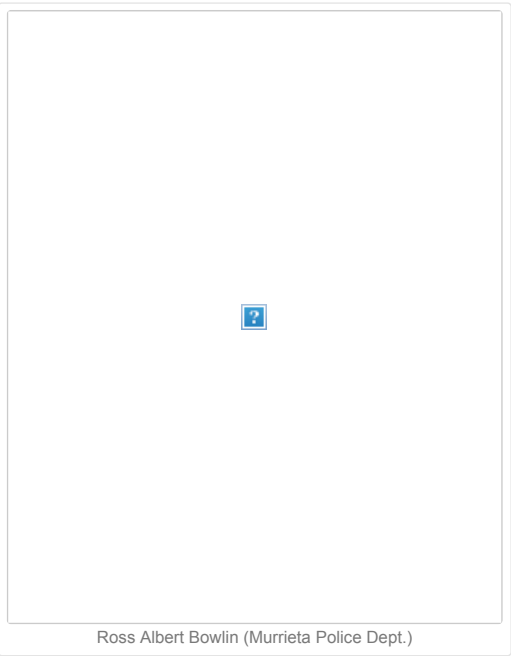
She said Bowlin has been with the department since 2006, working as a patrol officer.

According to the sergeant, Murrieta police investigators executed a search warrant at Bowlin's home on Wednesday and arrested the suspect without incident.

"Bowlin was cooperative with the investigation. However, (he) denied the allegation," Ganley said.

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