

Juneau police officer charged with sexual abuse of minor

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A Juneau Police Department officer faces charges of sexually abusing a minor, according to court documents.

A warrant was served to JPD Officer Brian Todd Ervin Thursday on one count each of first-degree sexual abuse of a minor and second-degree sexual abuse of a minor, both felonies, JPD chief Greg Browning said.

"I want the citizens of Juneau to know that we have and are going to continue to treat this case with the care, urgency, and professionalism that it demands, and it will be treated no differently than any other case of this magnitude," he said. "Cases of this nature involve privacy issues, and personnel issues that are clearly sensitive in nature and restricts the amount of information that we are allowed to provide on the case."

He also cautioned that people that are at this stage of the criminal process are innocent until proven guilty.

The alleged abuse occurred between January 2008 and June 2010, according to court records. Those records also state the alleged abuse included digital sexual penetration, along with touching and kissing the victim's breasts and touching the victim's buttocks.

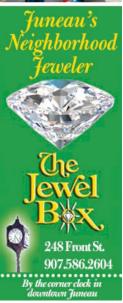
Ervin has been removed from law enforcement duties and reassigned to duties outside of the department, according to a press release issued by Browning. A court date for arraignment has been set for 1:15 p.m. Thursday.

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