China Grove police officer allegedly failed to register as sex offender

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A China Grove police officer is on unpaid administrative leave after he was arrested for failing to register as a sex offender, officials said.

Daniel Casas, 48, turned himself in at the Bexar County satellite office on June 24, when he posted \$10,000 bail and was immediately released, according to Detective Louis Antu, a spokesman for the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

He was convicted of a 1991 sexual assault of a child with contact, Antu said, and received deferred adjudication. In the past, a sex offender registry law only required sex offenders convicted after 1997 to register, but a change in the past few years now requires offenders to register if convicted after 1970.

Casas has worked for the China Grove Police Department for a few years, officials said.

According to Antu, Bexar County investigators are combing through cases to ensure convicted offenders comply with the law. Casas' conviction slipped past Bexar County's investigation but was noticed by the <u>Texas Department of Public Safety</u>, which informed Bexar County and Casas of the offense.

"He refused to register," Antu said. "We issued a warrant, couldn't find him, and then he turned himself in. He still hasn't resolved it — he had seven days to register after the 24th, and he has failed to do so."

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