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## Trooper charged with sexually assaulting child

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An Alvin man who worked as a state trooper in Galveston County faces charges he sexually abused a girl for three years.

A Brazoria County grand jury indicted Davy Crockett Davis, 33, on one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child, one count of sexual assault of a child, one count of indecency with a child and one count of tampering with evidence.

Investigators allege Davis engaged in oral sex with a child younger than 14 and touched the child sexually between March 10, 2008, and March 1, 2011, according to the indictment filed Dec. 7.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt, but a determination enough evidence exists to proceed to trial.

Davis turned himself in to the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department on Monday, Brazoria County investigator Paige Newsom said. He was released from the county jail Tuesday on bonds totaling \$85,000, she said.

Newsom declined to comment on how or whether Davis knows the child listed in the indictment.

Allegations are the abuse occurred in Liverpool, about 10 miles south of Alvin.

"This has nothing to do with his job," Newsom said.

Davis has been employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety since 2001, most recently stationed in Texas City's Highway Patrol division, said Tom Vinger, DPS public information officer. Vinger said DPS has "initiated termination proceedings" against Davis after he had been suspended in July while the allegations were being investigated. Vinger declined to say whether the termination proceedings had been completed.

Calls to DPS Sgt. Paul Atkins in Texas City were unreturned Friday.

Newsom said authorities suspect no other victims or potential victims in the case.

Brazoria County District Attorney Jeri Yenne declined to comment on the case, other than stating the victim was female and what punishments Davis could face if he is convicted.

If Davis is convicted, he could face up to life in prison for the continuous sexual abuse of a child charge. Punishments for the other sexual assault charge and the indecency charge can each reach up to 20 years in jail and both are classified as second-degree felonies.

The tampering with evidence charge is a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. The indictment alleges Davis altered possible evidence on an iPhone on July 29.

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