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A Royston police officer was arrested on Tuesday and charged with child molestation after he was accused of molesting a child in Madison County, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Officer Timothy Irwin Lewis, 32, of Hull was arrested at the Royston Police Department, but is held in the Madison County Jail, according to a news release from GBI Special Agent Jim Fullington.

"Lewis was arrested after an investigation into allegations of inappropriate sexual contact with a minor," according to the release.

The investigation began after a person contacted Royston Police Chief Donnie Boleman, who sought assistance from the GBI, according to the release.

The molestation is alleged to have happened in Madison County and not while Lewis was on duty, according to the GBI.

Madison County Sheriff Kip Thomas said Tuesday that the investigation continues, but he declined to say anything else. Lewis has not had a bond hearing.

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