



Sabinal police officer accused of child porn possession

Police chief calls officer's arrest 'shocking'

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SABINAL, Texas -

A Sabinal police officer accused of child pornography possession is behind bars.

"They (U.S. Marshal's) had a warrant for a subject here in town," said Sabinal Police Chief Jesus Reyes. "We talked about it and we found out it was one of the officers."

Reyes said no one would have expected that one of their own officers would be in trouble with the law.

On Thursday, the Sabinal Police Department assisted the U.S. Marshal's and Attorney General's Office in arresting Jason Villasana, 35, on charges of child pornography.

"It was just shocking for everybody," said Reyes. "We don't feel bad for him. We feel bad for the family. He's where he needed to be and we are happy with that."

Reyes said Villasana had been with the department full time since August and that they did administer a criminal background check, but nothing came up.

"I was actually shocked because Mr. Villasana is a very good man," said Laura Vanatten, a Sabinal resident. "From what I know so far, he's been fair with the community."

Along with some items from his house, investigators also confiscated a laptop from his patrol car.

He was also fired from the department.

"We'll continue to do our jobs no matter who it is," said Reyes. "Nobody is above the law and they realized that yesterday."

As of Friday night, Villasana was in custody at the Uvalde County Jail. He is charged with possession of child pornography and his bond has been set at \$900,000.

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