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## Harris County deputy constable accused of sexual assault of a child

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HOUSTON (KTRK) -- It was his duty to uphold the law. But now, a Harris County Precinct 5 deputy constable is behind bars, accused of sexually assaulting a child.

Deputy Jeremy English, 28, was arrested Friday outside of a hospital. Authorities say a teen is accusing him of sexually assaulting her when she was 14 years old. That teenager is a relative of the deputy constable.

And now, instead of reporting to work like he was supposed to, English found himself in a court of law, where a judge outlined the charges against him. He's facing three counts of sexual assault of a child and one count of online solicitation of a minor.

The alleged victim is now 17, but prosecutors say she was a minor -- just 14 years old -- when she and English first engaged in sexual activity. Investigators say she told a relative. The allegations were then reported to the authorities. Harris County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested English Friday afternoon while he was working his second job as a security officer at North Cypress Medical Center.

No one answered the door at English's northwest Harris County apartment. English has worked patrol for Precinct 5 for almost four years. The charges against him may put his career in jeopardy.

"Right now, Deputy English is relieved of duty without pay pending the outcome of the investigation. We will help the sheriff's department any way we can with their investigation," said Lt. Warren Steffenauer with the Precinct 5 Harris County Constable's Office.

English's bond has been set at \$80,000. We called his wife for a comment and are awaiting a response.

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