

## Maplewood police officer on administrative leave

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A Maplewood police officer is on administrative leave after allegations of his involvement in a sexual assault were reported to Stillwater Police, according to the Maplewood acting police chief.

The Washington County Attorney's office has since elected not to press charges in the case.

Joseph Tran, a school resource officer employed by Maplewood since 2006, was placed on paid leave Oct. 10, according to Maplewood's acting Police Chief Dave Kvam.

Stillwater police received a report two days prior that Tran reportedly sexually assaulted a 17-year-old girl from Eagan in Stillwater, said Chief John Gannaway.

The county attorney's office decided not to press charges this week, Gannaway said.

A related allegation that Tran provided alcohol to minors will be referred to the city attorney for possible charges, Gannaway said.

Following the conclusion of Stillwater's investigation, Kvam said Maplewood would conduct its own internal investigation before making any final decision about Tran's employment status.

There are no sustained complaints on the officer's personnel record, Kvam said.

Tran could not be immediately reached for comment Wednesday, Nov. 14.

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