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Killeen: Police Officer Accused Of Sex With Teen Fired

A veteran officer accused of having sex with a teenage participant in a Killeen Police Department youth program has been fired.

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Kirt Yarbrough, Sr. (Jail photo)



KILLEEN (March 5, 2012)--Veteran Killeen police officer Kirt Yarbrough, Sr., who's accused of having sex with a 16-year-old girl who was a member of the department's Explorer Scout program, has been fired, the department said in a press release Monday.

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Yarbrough was fired through an indefinite suspension after an internal investigation that found that he violated several department policies including having an improper relationship with the participant in the Explorer program and untruthfulness, police said Monday.

The firing comes less than two weeks after the Bell County Grand Jury indicted Yarbrough for sexual assault.

Yarbrough, a 16-year-veteran of the department, was arrested in January and was charged with sexual assault in connection with what authorities described as an inappropriate relationship with a 16-year-old member of the Killeen Police Department's Explorer Scout Program.

The arrest came after an investigation that started on Jan. 4.

Yarbrough was placed on administrative leave on Jan. 5.

He's also facing an aggravated sexual assault charge in Coryell County stemming from an incident involving the same girl in Copperas Cove.

The Boy Scouts of American created the Explorer program in 1949, consolidating several programs designed for senior scouts.

By the mid-60s, the focus of the program was more toward careers.

Exploring was replaced by Venturing in 1998.

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