

Search bar with 'search' button

Site Web Search powered by YAHOO! SEARCH

Forecast Today for SAINT PAUL, MN
Now 52°F
High 55°F
Low 32°F
5 DAY FORECAST

- News | Local | Sports | Business | Entertainment | Life | Travel | Multimedia | Blogs | Opinion | Obits | Jobs | Cars | Homes | Classifieds | Shop | Pets

Join us! Register | Sign in | Customer service | Mobile | E-dition | Contact | News tips | Correction request | Corrections | Advertise | Subscribe

Like 1 person likes this. Be the first of your friends. Tweet 1

Print Email Font Resize

# Wisconsin: Former sheriff's deputy accused of sexual activity with teenage girls

Associated Press
Posted: 07/10/2012 12:01:00 AM CDT
Updated: 07/10/2012 06:21:11 PM CDT

ANTIGO, Wis. -- A former Langlade County sheriff's deputy was arrested and charged with 22 felonies Tuesday for alleged sexual activity with teenage girls.

Bail was set at \$50,000 for Michael Brayton, 25, of Gleason. A judge ordered that he have no contact with girls under age 18 if he makes bail.

Brayton remained in custody after his court appearance. Online court records do not list whether he has an attorney.

The charges include four counts of sexual assault of a child under 16, two counts of child enticement and 16 counts of exposing his genitals to children.

All are linked to incidents with four girls, ages 15 to 18, the Antigo Daily Journal reported. The 32-page complaint alleges a pattern of behavior with younger girls from Elcho High School and heavy use of social media including Facebook and text-messaging. It alleges Brayton and the girls became friendly and their relationships escalated to trading explicit photographs and several instances of physical contact with one girl.

In statements to investigators, the girls described Brayton as a "hot cop" with one saying she initially was flattered by the attention but later began to feel it was wrong.

According to the complaint, Brayton told investigators nothing happened while he was on duty, nor did any of the activity involve force or alcohol.

"Either way I'm an adult," Brayton was quoted as saying. "It's my fault, it's my decision and you live with the consequences. I'm 100 percent guilty."

Sheriff Bill Greening said in a statement that Brayton was a deputy from 2008 until June 11 this year. The statement did not say whether Brayton quit or was fired, and a dispatcher said the sheriff and his chief deputy were unavailable for comment.

The Marathon County district attorney's office is prosecuting the case.

## MORE OF TODAY'S HEADLINES

- Twin Cities Marathon scene: Tap dancer, Taiko drums add to the party
Green Bay Packers stunned by Indianapolis Colts, 30-27
Roger Goodell: No Twin Cities Super Bowl until at least 2018
ALDS: Detroit Tigers beat Oakland again, take 2-0 lead
Third case of fungal meningitis found in Minnesota
Twin Cities Marathon: Winners split verdict in chilly vs. perfect weather
Twin Cities Marathon: Kenyan man, American woman take titles

Print Email Font Resize Return to Top

Facebook article commenting: How-to and questions

Recommend 1 person recommends this. Be the first of your friends.