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MURFREESBORO — A man whose job is to keep order in the county jail wound up on the wrong side of the bars this week when he was charged with sexually molesting two middle school girls.

Twenty-one-year-old Rutherford County jailer Trey J. Welch, of 2627 South Rutherford Boulevard, Apt. 924, was arrested Monday on two counts of sexual battery and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in reference to a Nov. 2 incident, reported Murfreesboro Police Detective Tommy Roberts in Welch's arrest

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"The investigation showed that two female juveniles called Mr. Welch and stated they had left school and were hiding out in a nearby tree line," Roberts reported. "Mr. Welch agreed to pick them up ... (and after doing so) took them to get something to eat. He took them to a convenience store and purchased cigarettes for them."

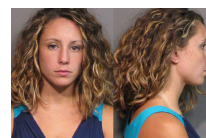
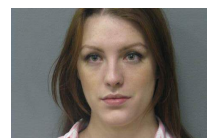
Welch is accused of touching the girls above and below the waist in an inappropriate manner once he got them back to his apartment.

Roberts reported he also learned that Welch offered to give the girls money so they could buy marijuana.

"I interviewed Mr. Trey Welch at the RCSO," Roberts reported. "Based on all the evidence obtained and the interview, I arrested Mr. Welch and charged him accordingly."

Welch was booked into the jail on \$7,000 bond and is now scheduled to appear in court Jan. 10.

Officials at the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office were not

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immediately available to comment on Welch's arrest. It is unclear whether Welch remained employed with the county as of Tuesday evening.

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A 29-year-old Murfreesboro mother was arrested on child abuse and reckless endangerment charges after the twins she gave birth to tested positive for cocaine and opiates.

The twins of Laura L. Agnor, of 212 South Kings Highway, remained Tuesday in what Murfreesboro Police Detective Tommy Roberts described in an arrest report as a "medically fragile state."

The twins were born Sept. 5.

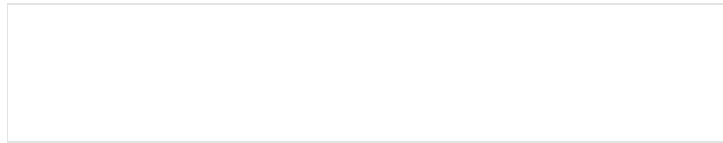
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