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Ex-Portales police officer arrested in sex case

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PORTALES, N.M. (AP) — A former Portales police officer has been arrested for alleged sexual misconduct with underage girls.

New Mexico State Police say 45-year-old Victor Castillo was taken into custody Friday. He's being held on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond on suspicion of 31 felony charges.

Authorities say Castillo was assigned as the Portales Public School Resource Officer from Jan. 8 to May 25.

During that span, Castillo allegedly manufactured, possessed and/or distributed sexually explicit photos and videos of at least two female Portales High School students who are under 18.

Authorities say Castillo allegedly provided alcohol to female students and engaged in sexual misconduct with a 16-year-old student he met while working at Portales High.

Portales police say Castillo was fired on July 13. It's unclear if Castillo has a lawyer.



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