

## Johnstown police officer pleads not guilty to sexual abuse charges

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JOHNSTOWN, N.Y. -- The Johnstown police officer accused of raping a teenager plead not guilty on Thursday.

Adam Schwabrow has been accused of raping a 16-year-old girl. At Thursday's court proceeding, the Fulton County District Attorney recused herself. A new prosecutor out of Saratoga County has been assigned to the case.

Schwabrow had been with the Johnstown Police Department for nine years. According to the chief, Schwabrow is a K9 officer, and is married with children.

He was arrested last month and suspended without pay. According to his defense attorney, there is no clear cut accusation.

"It's very vague allegations. It's alleging a many month period of time from two years ago. So it's a little unusual to have a case from so long ago and such a vague, allegations or complaint with no specific date or time or place it's all very, very vague," said Michael McDermott, Schwabrow's lawyer.

Schwabrow faces up to four years in prison if he's convicted. He is due back in court on November 21.