

Police officer charged with rape in Johnstown

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JOHNSTOWN, N.Y. - A police officer in Johnstown has been arrested for allegedly raping a 16-year-old female.

The Johnstown Police Department says city police officer 31-year-old Adam Schwabrow has been charged with third-degree rape on Friday. The charge was announced during a press conference held at City Hall by the Johnstown Police Department.

Police say the alleged rape was not forcible; however the female involved was not old enough to give consent.

Handcuffs were put on a woman's hand instead of a ring at her wedding.

Schwabrow, a nine year veteran and K-9 officer for the department, was arrested at the police department Friday morning. He posted bail and is due back in court next week. The District Attorney is asking for a special prosecutor to handle the case because of Schwabrow's position.

Schwabrow has been suspended from the department with pay pending an internal investigation.

He also acts as the Montgomery County Emergency Management Director. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors John Thayer says Schwabrow has been immediately placed on administrative leave with pay from that position as well, pending more information and future developments. Interim Deputy Director Rick Sager has been placed in charge of the Emergency Management Office until further notice.