

## Officer arrested after lengthy investigation into off-duty conduct



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WINNEMUCCA — A Winnemucca Police Department officer who has been on administrative leave for six months was arrested on Wednesday (Jan. 2) following a lengthy investigation by the Department of Public Safety into his off-duty conduct.

Dominic Cassinelli, 31, was charged with sexual assault, battery with the intent to commit sexual assault, and abuse, neglect or endangerment of a child. He also faces two misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and two misdemeanor charges of capturing images of someone's private areas.

Cassinelli is being held at the Pershing County Jail where bail was set at \$1 million.

According to the complaint filed in Lake Township Justice Court, Lovelock, the charges stem from conduct at Cassinelli's residence in the Pershing County area of Winnemucca. The adult female victim and juvenile female victim also lived at the residence at the time of the occurrences.

According to the criminal complaint, the allegations of sexual assault stem from the use of threats of violence or by physical and emotional acts to gain submission. There were also allegations the adult female victim was restrained with the intent to commit sexual assault.

There are also allegations a female child was pushed into a wall and numerous loaded handguns were left laying around the house.

The report by DPS was not immediately available to the public. Pershing County DA Jim Shirley said investigators still have follow-up interviews to conduct before the report is finalized.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 in Lovelock.

