

## Amarillo school liaison officer fired, arrested on child sex charges

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Amarillo Police Department has fired a school liaison officer, subsequently arrested on child sex charges. Donald Ray Sanders Jr., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant of sexual assault of a child, a Randall County news release said.

A complaint said Sanders sexually assaulted a female minor in July 2004 and admitted committing the offense to a Randall County officer during the investigation.

On Sept. 14, APD Chief Robert Taylor received word Sanders was the subject of a criminal investigation conducted by the Randall County Sheriff's Office, police said, and Sanders was immediately placed on administrative leave. An internal APD investigation resulted in Sanders' termination on Monday, police said.

Police said the alleged criminal misconduct occurred outside city limits and involved off-duty activity.

The investigation is not connected to Sanders' employment as an officer or liaison officer, police said. He was assigned to the Caprock High School cluster, said Cpl. Jerry Neufeld.

Sanders had worked for the police department since 2003, the release said.

He remains in custody at the Randall County Jail, where he faces a \$75,000 bond, according to Randall County.

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