


Beck Dental Care
 Personalized & Comfortable
 1603 Rosewood Dr. Columbia

COSMETIC DENTISTRY
 Can Change Your Life
 (931)388-8452 • www.BeckDentalCare.com


 Before After
 REPLAY

Columbia, TN
 Partly Cloudy **69°F**
Oakes and Nichols
 Funeral Directors Since 1856

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

[About](#) [Contact](#) [Subscribe](#)

498

[News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Digest](#) | [Lifestyles](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [TV Listings](#) | [e-Edition](#) | [Business Directory](#) | [Jobs](#)
[Home](#) » [News](#) » [Local News](#)

5

1

12:19 pm - April 05, 2013 — Updated: 9:45 pm - April 06, 2013

Officer charged with statutory rape

 By **RIC BOHY**
rbohy@c-dh.net

A Mt. Pleasant police officer was arrested and charged early Friday morning with statutory rape by an authority figure for an alleged sexual encounter with a 16-year-old boy.



Jones

Officer Jason Paul Jones, 25, of Columbia, was booked into the Maury County Jail at 1:25 a.m. before being released on \$75,000 bond about three hours later.

Columbia police recently received a complaint "that there was possible sexual contact between the officer and the 16-year old" at Jones's home, Capt. Kenny Brady said. "We started investigating and were able to come up with enough probable cause that we were comfortable with getting a warrant for his arrest."

Officials said Jones was taken into custody at the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, where he was working the night shift.

Mt. Pleasant Police Chief Tommy Goetz said Jones has worked for his department for about two years, including time as a reserve officer, and was most recently assigned to the K-9 unit.

"He is on administrative leave without pay until Monday, when we will look at this again," Goetz said of the arrest. The chief declined any other comment.

Brady said the alleged sexual encounter was not forcible.

"From the information we have so far, there didn't appear to be any physical force," Brady said. "It seemed the encounter was consensual."

The fact that the suspect is a fellow law enforcement officer makes the case more difficult, Brady acknowledged, but not different in any other respect.

"As far as we're concerned, we got the complaint and handled this like any other investigation," he said. "We're out for the truth."

"Like any investigation, we hoped nothing would come of it," he continued. "But we got probable

PREPARE TO GET THE MOST SHOCKING UTILITY BILL OF YOUR LIFE.

Introducing the Evolution® HYBRID HEAT® dual fuel system by Bryant. Ready to tame those out-of-control utility bills? Our HYBRID HEAT dual fuel system with Evolution control can heat your home using either gas or electric power. It heats with the most economical fuel source based on energy costs and weather conditions in your area. If you want the most advanced heating system with big savings already built-in, count on Bryant to fit the bill. *Whatever it takes.*

Ask about our maintenance agreement
 Electrical & Plumbing Available

Sandrell
 Heating & Air Since 1969

COLUMBIA
 931-381-2413
SPRING HILL
 615-302-4899

bryant
 Heating & Cooling Systems

MULE DAY
CELEBRATION
 Coverage
 Click Here

FULL COURT PICKS
COLLEGE BASKETBALL CONTEST

[Previous](#) | [Click to see local deals](#) | [Next](#)

Meet the 2013 Mule Day Queen and Court



MULE DAY 2013
 Meet the Queen and her Court

cause.”

Statutory rape by an authority figure is defined in part by Tennessee law as the “unlawful penetration of a victim by the defendant or of the defendant by the victim when the victim is at least 13 but less than 18 years of age.”

In addition, the charge requires that the offender is “in a position of trust, or had supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the defendant’s legal, professional, or occupational status and used such position of trust or power to accomplish the sexual penetration.”

The crime is a Class C felony carrying penalties upon conviction of 3-15 years in prison without the possibility of probation and a fine of up to \$10,000.

RULES FOR POSTING COMMENTS

Comments posted below are from readers. In no way do they represent the view of Stephens Media LLC or this newspaper. This is a public forum.

Comments may be monitored for inappropriate content but the newspaper is under no obligation to do so. Comment posters are solely responsible under the Communications Decency Act for comments posted on this Web site. Stephens Media LLC is not liable for messages from third parties.

IP and email addresses of persons who post are not treated as confidential records and will be disclosed in response to valid legal process.

Do not post:

- Potentially libelous statements or damaging innuendo.
- Obscene, explicit, or racist language.
- Copyrighted materials of any sort without the express permission of the copyright holder.
- Personal attacks, insults or threats.
- The use of another person’s real name to disguise your identity.
- Comments unrelated to the story.

If you believe that a commenter has not followed these guidelines, please click the FLAG icon below the comment.

13 comments



Leave a message...

Best Community My Disqus 99 Share [icon] [icon]



Ray Man • 4 days ago
"oh you raped a child? Here take the weekend off, see you bright and early Monday morning".
17 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

clinton • 4 days ago
He should have been fired, period.
14 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

govskeptic • 4 days ago
Lots of law enforcement officers being charged with various crimes throughout middle Tn over the past several years. Where's the character and other checks before these hires are made? This is another sick one added on.
12 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›

kpopis@yahoo.com • 4 days ago
He does need to be proven guilty first. If he is guilty then he should be fired.
7 ^ | v • Reply • Share ›



Mt. Pleasant cop charged with statutory rape of boy
206 people recommended this.



Woman, 91, charged with gun assault
28 people recommended this.



Man stabbed near Columbia neighborhood
7 people recommended this.

Sound Off: April 9, 2013
One person recommended this.

Facebook social plugin

Most Viewed Popular Topics

- Officer charged with statutory rape
- Woman, 91, charged with gun assault
- SH juveniles charged with sexual exploitation
- Police: Man stabbed at intersection
- Smiles, marriage in the air at parade
- Report: Man stabbed 4 times

Special Sections

- Healthy Living
- Mule Day 2013
- Church Directory 2013
- Honor Rolls November
- Best Of The Best Finalist 2013

Agencies

- Maury County Gov
- City of Columbia
- Maury County Public Schools
- Maury Alliance
- Spring Hill TN
- Tennessee Public