

Williamson County corrections officer accused of assaulting...

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Joe Adam Flores, 33, was charged with sexual assault and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A Williamson County corrections officer has been accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl during a sleepover at his stepdaughter's house, according to an arrest warrant. Joe Adam Flores, a 33-year-old Williamson County Sheriff's corrections officer, was arrested Tuesday and charged with sexual assault and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A 14-year-old girl told investigators that she was spending the night Sept. 13 at a friend's house in Hutto when the friend's mother left to go out with some friends, the warrant said. The girl said Flores, who was her friend's stepfather, gave her beer which she drank, according to the warrant.

The 14-year-old said her friend went to bed but she was still awake and watching movies when Flores went to the store to buy more alcohol and then came back and gave her a few glasses of it, the warrant said. She described the alcohol as "20/20 and blue."

The girl said she fell asleep and Flores picked her up and carried her into his bedroom where he sexually assaulted her twice, the warrant said.

Flores then put her pants back on and carried her back into her friend's bedroom telling her she needed to go to bed, said the victim, according to the warrant.

The 14-year-old told investigators "she was scared and pretended to be asleep during the incident because she did not know what to do," the warrant said.

A sexual assault exam at a hospital showed that the girl had "injuries consistent with the allegations," according to the warrant.

The victim's mother then gave police her daughter's cell phone, which showed that Flores had sent a text message to the 14-year-old girl saying "Please don't do this...I'm begging you. I'm already losing my family. I don't want to lose my job and everything I worked so hard for and go to prison for this. You know it's not like that."

The victim's mother then called Flores during a recorded phone call and Flores told her he had provided alcohol to her daughter, the warrant said. Flores also said during the phone conversation that the 14-year-old was in the bedroom with him and had "initiated the physical contact by jumping on him and pulling him on top of her," the warrant said.

Flores said he did not have sex with the girl and told her to go to bed, according to the warrant. He provided much of the same information that the 14-year-old gave to police except for denying having sex with her, the warrant said.

Flores was being held Wednesday in the Williamson County Jail with bail set at \$83,000. He has worked as a corrections officer with the Williamson County Sheriff's office since Feb. 12, 2010, said Fred Thomas, a sheriff's spokesman.

Flores is on paid leave pending an investigation, Thomas said.

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