

Ex-OPSO deputy pleads not guilty to indecent behavior with juvenile

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Michael D. Siddon, a former Ouachita Parish school resource officer, has pleaded not guilty to indecent behavior with a juvenile and malfeasance in office.

Siddon, 29, was arraigned Friday morning at the Ouachita Parish Courthouse. His trial date was set for Jan. 21.

“We are eagerly anticipating our day in court,” said Charles Kincade, Siddon’s attorney.

Siddon was fired from the Ouachita Parish Sheriff’s Office and arrested on Sept. 17 after a reported incident that occurred while he was on duty as a school resource officer at West Monroe High School.

He later told investigators that he had touched the juvenile inappropriately, according to an affidavit filed in court.

When asked Friday about the reported confession, Kincade declined comment.

OPSO was contacted in September by a man who said his 15-year-old stepdaughter had been involved in inappropriate behavior with Siddon, according to an affidavit in support of an arrest warrant.

When OPSO deputies interviewed the juvenile, she said Siddon touched her inappropriately while giving her a ride home from school on Sept. 16.

The affidavit states that prior to the incident, they had conversed on their cellphones for about a week.

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