

## Alexander City officer charged with sexual abuse of a child

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An officer with the Alexander City Police Department was arrested Friday and charged with three counts of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12 and one count of tampering with evidence, according to a release from the Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department and the Alexander City Police Department conducted a joint investigation of sexual abuse allegations against Michael P. Ford, 49, of Alexander City, the release states. Ford remains in custody awaiting a bond hearing.

Ford was immediately terminated from the Alexander City Police Department, according to the release. The investigation is ongoing.

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