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Patrick Edward Earwood, 31, was indicted on two counts each of aggravated sodomy, second-degree child cruelty, sexual battery and sexual assault. Grand jurors also indicted Earwood on charges of aggravated child molestation, child molestation, giving false statements and violation of his oath by a public officer, court records state.

Earwood, a Cave Spring officer for 18 months, was put on paid administrative leave in late June when the allegations surfaced. He was fired in early July after his arrest.

According to jail reports:

Earwood allegedly forced a woman in May to give him oral sex in exchange for not taking her to jail. Warrants stated Earwood had the woman in custody in the back of the patrol vehicle when he told her to perform the sexual act.

Earwood also is accused of assaulting two teen girls between January and June while on duty, authorities have said.

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