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## Robert French, Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy, Charged With Sexual Exploitation Of A Child

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A Douglas County Sheriff's deputy has been fired, arrested and charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child.

While details of the incident have not been released, the [sheriff's office has said that it involves the sending of inappropriate text messages with a juvenile](#) last week.

A report by 9News says that the first charge is for enticing a minor to make sexually explicit material while the second charge is for possessing that material.

According to the Associated Press, Sgt. Ron Hanavan said it occurred [while French was off duty](#). Investigators received a tip about the misconduct and have been working with the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Rocky Mountain Computer Forensics Lab.

[French was taken to the Arapahoe County Jail](#) as a courtesy to Douglas County.

"It's a little less uncomfortable for all employees that know (French)," Hanavan said. "And it's a security issue because if you work in this building, you're familiar with the building."

French has been released on a \$50,000 bond and is due back in court on March 15 where he will formally be advised of his charges.

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