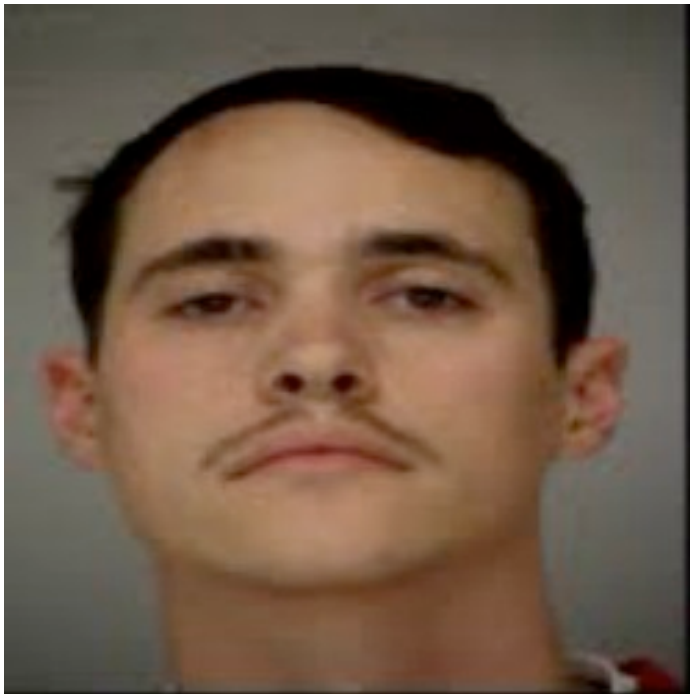


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Macon officer resigns after being arrested for allegedly raping 15-year-old girl



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A newly sworn in **Macon police** officer resigned Friday after he was arrested over allegations that he raped a 15-year-old girl he met online earlier this year.

Precinct 4 Officer Rory Qualls, 23, of Forsyth Road in **Macon**, was charged with statutory rape and transported to the **Bibb County jail**, according to Macon police.

The ex-cop was released almost eight hours later on \$11,200 bond, according to jail records.

Investigators said Officer Qualls met the girl on an internet dating site in July. It's unclear

when the rape allegedly happened or where, but the incident wasn't reported to police until Thursday, police spokeswoman Ms. Jami Gaudet said.

Police said it was the teen's mother who reported the alleged rape, but they provided no additional details on what happened.

Mr. Qualls, who moved to Macon for police training in September 2012, was sworn in as an officer in March, according to **The Telegraph**.

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