Dalton police officer arrested for child molestation

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2014 Cop Pedophile Daniel Tolbert

A Dalton police officer was arrested for child molestation on Thursday.

Officer Daniel Tolbert was arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shortly after 5 p.m., according to authorities.

The circumstances surrounding the child molestation charge were not immediately made available.

The Dalton Police Department placed Tolbert on administrative leave nine days prior to his arrest after being told about the investigation by the GBI and Whitfield County Sheriff's Office.

Dalton police said Tolbert was still training after being sworn in on Sept. 16, 2014.

The department said that it would start the process for Tolbert's termination immediately.

"I am very disappointed to hear about this allegation, and upset about the discredit this will surely bring on our department, and officers," said Dalton Police Chief Jason Parker.

"We would never condone or support the kind of behavior that would warrant this charge. The men and women of this department hold ourselves to a very high standard of behavior, and we know the community we serve expects our behavior to be beyond reproach."



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