



Birmingham police officer charged with 4 counts of child sex abuse

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Joshua Herbinger

(Shelby County Jail)

ALABASTER, Alabama - A Birmingham police officer was arrested in Alabaster today on child sex abuse charges.

Joshua Herbinger, 29, is charged with four counts of sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old, said Alabaster Police Chief Curtis Rigney. The warrants were issued against Herbinger this afternoon.

Rigney said the young female victim reported the abuse to the School Resource Officer at her school. Police launched their investigation one week ago. "Detectives

were notified immediately and the investigation has resulted in today's arrest," Rigney said.

The chief said the victim is not related to Herbinger. The abuse, police said, is reported to have happened over the past two to three years.

Herbinger, who has been a Birmingham police officer for about nine years, was arrested at Alabaster police headquarters this afternoon.

He will be transferred to the Shelby County Jail where he will be held on \$80,000 bond.

Rigney said the investigation is ongoing and more charges could be filed. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Alabaster police Det. Andrew Pounds at 205-663-7401.

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