Decorated Placer County deputy accused of sex with teen volunteer

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A Northern California sheriff's deputy, who once received the governor's Medal of Valor, has been charged with having sex with a teen police volunteer, authorities said.

Kenneth Skogen, a Placer County sheriff's deputy, faces four charges of engaging in unlawful sex acts with the 17-year-old girl, according to a Placer County District Attorney statement.

He was arrested Thursday following an investigation initiated by a tip from a fellow deputy, prosecutors said. He posted bail soon after his arrest and was released.

The deputy told authorities Skogen was allegedly involved in "an inappropriate relationship" with the girl.

Prosecutors investigated the incident instead of police because the girl, the deputy and Skogen were all working at the sheriff's office.

Details about the relationship were not released because prosecutors were still investigating the case.

In 2009, Skogen received the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor from then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for saving an elderly woman from a fire in Auburn.

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