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## Trumbull officer accused of having sex with member of explorer program

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TRUMBULL, CT (WFSB) - A Trumbull police officer was arrested after investigators said he sexually assaulted a 17-year-old girl who he met through an explorer program.

William Ruscoe, who has been with the Trumbull Police Department since 1994, was "suspended from duty" Tuesday after he was arrested Monday evening.

Ruscoe, who police said was the head of the department's explorer program for "several years" and drill instructor, was charged with second-degree sexual assault, third-degree sexual assault, fourth-degree sexual assault and tampering with a witness.

Court documents show that there were two victims of Ruscoe, a 15-year-old girl and 17-year-old girl.

In a state police investigation, a 15-year-old girl came forward and said she was at a training camp for police explorers at the University of Hartford when she met Ruscoe.

"Bill Ruscoe sent her many photos of himself with his shirt off and one picture of his buttocks with no clothes on," court documents stated.

Court documents show that Ruscoe also sent the 15-year-old girl "six or seven pictures of his wife nude."

In the court documents, the 17-year-old girl told police that she met Ruscoe at the same training camp at UHart.

Investigators said Ruscoe drove the teenager to a scenic area in Stratford where he gave her a silver bracelet and tried to kiss her.

Documents state the 17-year-old girl was taken to the home of Ruscoe.

"Ruscoe took off all his uniform and most of his clothes very rapidly," court documents stated.

Ruscoe "tried to put his hands inside her leggings and underwear," according to court documents.

Police said there is an internal investigation into Ruscoe to see if "he has violated any departmental policies or regulations."

"I am deeply troubled and concerned by the nature of the charges that have been presented. We will make every effort to ensure that the integrity of the department and its officers is preserved as this case is investigated, and that the case is handled in a fair and timely manner," said Trumbull police Chief Thomas Kiely in a statement Tuesday.

Ruscoe was released on a \$50,000 bond and is expected to be arraigned at Bridgeport Superior Court on March 5.

Eyewitness News reached out to Ruscoe, but he did not return the station's calls.

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