

Southern Arizona CBP agent arrested for child molestation

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2015 Cop pedophile Jeremy Tyler Cole

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent from the Tucson Sector was arrested last weekend on child molestation allegations in Chandler, KVOA News 4 Tucson has learned.

The agent, Jeremy Tyler Cole, from Sierra Vista, was arrested on charges involving at least two victims, one a 5-year-old girl.

According to police, Cole had asked to stay at the home of a friend of his fiancé, to attend Arizona Bike Week 2015 in Scottsdale.

The children reportedly told police Cole was standing over them while they lay in their beds.

Specifically, the victim's mother told police that she found Cole coming out of her twelve-year old daughter's room at 2 a.m., last Friday. Cole allegedly told the mother he was looking for towels. The next morning, the five-year old asked her mother to speak in private. In the master bedroom closet, the child told her mother there was a bald man inside her bedroom, who touched her inappropriately and that it had hurt her. The mother then spoke with her 14-year old daughter. The teenager told her mother someone had come into her bedroom. According to the probable cause statement released to the News 4 Tucson Investigators, the children did not know Cole would be staying at the house and that he entered the home around midnight. The suspect's fiancé allegedly told the victim the next day that Cole may have been sleep-walking.

According to a statement from a forensic investigator, the suspect removed the five-year old's pants and panties and the child reportedly felt an intrusion she would then describe to police in detail. The arresting officer wrote in the probable cause statement that Cole was arrested at his parents' house in Peoria. Later, an unidentified female called the officer to tell him the victims' children had made the story up and that Cole had gone upstairs to look for towels.

Cole was charged with one count of child molestation and booked into the Fourth Avenue Jail, last Friday.

A Tucson Sector spokesman sent News 4 Tucson this statement: "A Border Patrol agent assigned to the Douglas Border Patrol Station was arrested in a collaborative operation between the Chandler Police Criminal Apprehension Team and the Peoria Police Department on March 27, in Peoria, Arizona. The agent is being charged with one count of Child Molestation, and is currently in a leave with pay status pending additional criminal proceedings. The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General and the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector are cooperating fully with the investigative agencies. Customs and Border Protection takes all incidents of misconduct seriously and will continue to work with outside investigative agencies to

maintain the integrity of the workforce.”

Tyler Cole is the second CBP agent in Arizona to be brought up on child molestation charges since last winter. Last November, Alejandro Dominguez Covarrubias was charged with molesting a 13-year-old girl. Police said Dominguez committed the lewd acts on the child in March 2014, then became a Border Patrol agent last July.

According to a report given to the News 4 Tucson Investigators under the Freedom of Information Act, 68 Customs and Border Protection agents were arrested in Arizona on local or state charges between 2012 and 2014. The agents were arrested on charges from felony speeding at more than 100 miles per hour, to drunken driving, to assault.