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Virginia state trooper indicted in Dickenson County on rape charge

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CLINTWOOD, Va. — A Virginia state trooper has been indicted in Dickenson County on one count of rape and one count of buying alcohol for a woman under the legal age of 21.

A Dickenson County grand jury indicted Andre Patrick Peak, 43, of Clintwood, on Monday. According to the indictment, an alleged rape occurred on or about Dec.

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“... such act was accomplished through the use of the complaining witness’ mental incapacity or physical helplessness,” the indictment said regarding the rape allegation.



Wise County Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Ken Lammers said Thursday that the woman involved is “the age of majority,” or an adult. However, according to the second count, she is younger than 21.

Lammers said the Dickenson County commonwealth’s attorney’s office recused itself from the case because the trooper is based in Dickenson County. The case was handed over to Wise County in February and was presented to a Dickenson County grand jury, he added.

Peak was arrested without incident Tuesday by the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation’s Wytheville Field Office.

State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said in a written statement that the investigation was initiated in February by VSP. Peak was placed on administrative leave from the department and on Tuesday he was suspended without pay.

Peak was not on duty at the time of the incident, Geller said.

According to Geller, Peak graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in 1997. His first patrol assignment as a trooper was in Louisa County. In 2001, he transferred to his current patrol assignment in Dickenson County. His current rank is senior trooper.

The investigation is ongoing, Geller said.

Peak was taken to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Haysi and released on bond.

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