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MARSHALL COUNTY, W.Va. – An officer with the Moundsville Police department has been arrested on charges surrounding an alleged sexual relationship with a then 15-year-old girl. Patrolman First Class Benjamin Davis, 26, was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with two counts of 3rd degree sexual assault and two counts of soliciting a minor. He is free on \$40,000 bond.

According to reports, Davis met a 15-year-old girl

on the social media website Whisper, and then he later allegedly had sex with the girl.

"It creates a black eye for police, but cases like this are few and far between," said Sgt. Mathew Adams with the West Virginia State Police Department. "Our job is always to help the victims of crimes, and hopefully this will do that."

The victim allegedly went to Davis' house for sex on at least one occasion after meeting him on "Whisper." Reports indicate her mom found out about the alleged relationship, and she took matters into her own hands, creating a fake account with the picture slogan "Cops Rule."

"She created this account and basically Mr. Davis answered that, and she was posing as a 17-year-old female in the Marshall County area," Adams said. "They began chatting with each other and planned to meet at some point."

Police say the women then told Davis she was the victim's mother and told him, "your actions will make people trust cops even less." She also threatened him to stay away from her daughter.

Police say they eventually obtained naked pictures from Davis' and the victim's cell phone.

On Tuesday he was officially charged with sexual assault and soliciting a minor.

"It's an extremely difficult case, especially when you're dealing with someone who does the same job as you," Adams said. "(Moundsville Police) Chief (Thomas) Mitchell has been extremely cooperative."

Davis was on paid suspension, but that may soon change now that charges are official. Davis must be given his due process.

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