

Former Wagoner cop charged with sexual battery

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2015 Cop sexual battery and sex assault of minor David Vanburen Finch

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Prosecutors in Cherokee County have filed a charge of sexual battery against a former Wagoner police officer and school guard previously convicted of second-degree rape.

David Vanburen Finch, 43, of Park Hill, is jailed at the Cherokee County Detention Center with a \$40,000 bond. He was arrested in February when a teen girl told Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Ballard she awoke and found Finch touching her inappropriately.

The boyfriend of the alleged victim told deputies Finch had given him a "little red pill" that made the boy fall asleep next to his girlfriend. He told deputies that when he awoke, Finch's arm was across his abdomen, and Finch was touching the girl, so the boy pushed Finch off of her.

Though he has not been charged with assault, deputies said they found Finch and wanted to talk with him about the allegations, but Finch did not want to speak about it. Instead, he allegedly slapped and head-butted Deputy Tommy Moore and broke Moore's nose.

Records show Finch worked as a security guard at a Wagoner school until he was accused of having sex with a 16-year-old student about eight years ago. He later pleaded no contest and received a five-year suspended sentence.

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