

## UPDATE: Haskell police officer arrested on sexual assault, child porn charges

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### 2015 Cop Pedophile Kyle Vaughan

A Haskell police officer has been fired after being arrested for multiple charges including sexual assault. Some in Saline County are appalled by the Kyle Vaughan's actions, while others, who say they know him best, are defending him.

Cars line Arkansas Highway 229 in Haskell as kids get out of their second day of school. Right across the street from the school is the Haskell Police Department, and their officers help direct school traffic.

"We put our safety in the department over here across the street and I'm just glad it was found out as quick as it was," one grandparent who wanted to remain anonymous said.

On Monday, one of the Haskell police officers was arrested for sexual assault involving a juvenile. 32-year-old Kyle Vaughan is also facing two child pornography charges.

"I think its horrible what he's done. I don't think he has the right to be around any children," one grandparent said as she told Channel 7 about Vaughan directing traffic at Harmony Grove on Monday.

She said she's uncomfortable knowing her two grandchildren were around him.

"Its terrifying to know that you put your trust in your law enforcement and they're out here protecting your kids but it makes you wonder how much they are protecting them," she said.

However, his family supporting him and is saying he's innocent until proven guilty.

"The people who know him know its not what its made out to be," Kevin Cooper, Vaughan's cousin, said. Cooper described Vaughan as a family man, not a pedophile.

"Regardless of what comes out of it, we're not going to hang him out there to dry by himself we're all going to support him," Cooper said. Cooper continue to say that they're not defending his actions, but his reputation.

When Channel 7 asked what he would say to Vaughan when he sees him for the first time, Cooper answered, "I'll hug him and let him do the talking.... He doesn't owe us an explanation so we're just going to support him."

Vaughan was terminated from the Haskell Police Department after working there for two years.

He had previously worked for the Saline County Sheriff's Office.

Vaughan will appear in Benton District Court Wednesday for a bond hearing.

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A Haskell Police Department officer is in the Saline County Detention Center on several charges, including sexual assault.

Saline County Sheriff Rodney Wright confirms that Kyle Vaughn is an officer with the Haskell Police Department.

Authorities have not released any information about Vaughn's arrest at this time, but according to jail records, he faces a charge of 2nd degree sexual assault, dist/poss/view material depicting explicit material involving a child, and failure to report computer child pornography.

Vaughn, who was booked in just after 3 p.m. Monday, has no bond set as of 7 p.m. on Monday. Jail records show his first court date is set for Wednesday, August 19.

No further details have been released at this time. We will continue to update this story as we get more information.