

Butler Co. deputy accused of sex crime with a minor

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2015 Cop pedophile Michael Baker

- HAMILTON, Ohio —A Butler County sheriff's deputy is accused of a sex crime involving a minor.

Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones said that Michael Baker was arrested and incarcerated in the Butler County Jail on Monday evening.

Baker is charged with sexual imposition, the sheriff's office said.

"Yesterday morning, we began an investigation that was prompted from a 16-year-old female who disclosed to a family member that he was touching her inappropriately," Sgt. Melissa Gerhardt said.

The relative called detectives and Baker was arrested and charged with the third-degree misdemeanor Monday night.

Baker was placed on administrative leave and relieved of his police powers.

"It's going to be like anybody else that's charged with a crime. He's going to go through the court process, just like anybody else would, and separate from that, we do an internal investigation here at the sheriff's office that starts from the time the allegation is made," Gerhardt said.

According to the police report, the alleged crime with the teen took place on Jan 5 but was reported Monday.

Details were redacted, but it reportedly took place inside a home in Hanover Township.

"It's always hard when you have one of your own involved. In any type of crime for that matter. It hurts everybody. The sheriff's very irritated about this because we do background checks and hire people that we hold to a higher standard and he's not met those expectations unfortunately," Gerhardt said.

"I am angry and disgusted. This will absolutely not be tolerated and I will work directly with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office to make sure justice is served," Sheriff Richard K. Jones said in a news release.

Baker is an 18-year-veteran of the Sheriff's office and a K-9 unit officer.

A pre-disciplinary hearing is scheduled for later this week to determine his future at the

sheriff's office.

The case remains under investigation with the Detectives Division at the Butler County Sheriff's Office.