

Former Wilson County deputy accused of sexual battery, exploitation of a minor

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[2016 Cop Pedophile](#) Joseph Patton

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WILSON COUNTY, Tenn. (WKRN) – A veteran employee of the Wilson County Sheriff's Office has been fired and faces charges after being indicted by the district attorney's office.

Joseph Patton, who was terminated from his position last week, is charged with 10 counts of aggravated sexual battery by an authority figure and 10 counts of especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor involving a 16-year-old.

According to a release, the charges stem from alleged incidents that occurred in late 2015 at Deputy Patton's home while he was off-duty.

Patton, who was a civil service process server, was arrested without incident on Monday.

He has a \$45,000 bond with conditions and is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 7.

Patton had been with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office for 24 years.

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