

Aiken County Deputy fired after arrest for alleged child molestation

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2016 Cop Pedophile Robert Beard



The Aiken County Sheriff



Update: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

AIKEN COUNTY, S.C. (WRDW/WAGT) --The Aiken County Sheriff's Office has terminated Detention Deputy Robert Beard, 36, after receiving confirmation of his arrest on warrants for child molestation.

Beard was arrested on two warrants for child molestation and one warrant of aggravated child molestation. Warrants state Beard performed sexual acts on a 13-year-old. The offenses occurred in Blythe, GA, according to the warrants.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division says they will be opening a preliminary inquiry into the matter.

According to the Richmond County Sheriff's Office incident report, the molestation was reported by the victim's father on March 29,

2016. He told deputies the teen told their mother the molestation had occurred for the past four years through at text. The text also stated the sexual acts Beard allegedly committed.

The victim's mother told deputies she contacted the 13-year-old's father on March 28 and informed him their child was involved in an child molestation investigation in Edgefield, SC. According to the mother, the victim had not been around Beard since July 2015, and to her knowledge the child was not sexually active.

Beard has been booked into the Richmond County jail and is charged with two counts of child molestation and one count of aggravated child molestation.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

AIKEN COUNTY, S.C. (WRDW/WAGT) -- The Aiken County Sheriff's Office has terminated Detention Deputy Robert Beard after receiving confirmation of his arrest on a warrant for child molestation.

The warrant was obtained by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. Beard was arrested earlier today, April 5, by the Edgefield County Sheriff's Office.

According to the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, on March 28, 2016, it was notified by the RCSO that Beard was the subject in their investigation. He was then placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

The ACSO says Beard was terminated for violating the agency policy of code of conduct. He had been with the sheriff's office since 2014.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating Beard for incidents that allegedly occurred in Aiken County as well.

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