

KSP Arrest Morgantown Police Officer

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Chief release:

At 3 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017, I (Chief Giles Taylor) of Morgantown Police Department was made aware of a criminal investigation involving one of my officers.

Kentucky State Police received a complaint from a parent of a juvenile reporting that sexual contact may have taken place in the last month between the juvenile and Officer James Embry.

Kentucky State Police Special Investigations section in Bowling Green conducted interviews and as a result determined there was probable cause to arrest Embry.

James Embry was arrested at Morgantown Police Department and charged with Sexual Abuse 1st Degree and Custodial Interference, and lodged in Butler County Jail.

Both offenses are class D felonies.

Myself (Morgantown Police Chief) Giles D. Taylor, and (Mayor of Morgantown) Billy J. Phelps moved to action immediately, suspending Embry without pay, pending termination as per policy.

The citizens of Morgantown, Butler and surrounding counties can rest assured that we as the City of Morgantown have ZERO tolerance for actions such as these.

As a City grounded in ethics, action will always be taken swiftly, and harshly.

Maintaining public trust and openness between ourselves and our community partners is of the utmost importance, however this is an ongoing investigation.

Any further questions may be directed to the Kentucky State Police Special Investigations Section Post 3, Bowling Green, KY.

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Morgantown, KY (June 1, 2017) – A Morgantown Police Officer has been arrested for Sexual Abuse 1st after an investigation by Kentucky State Police Detectives. On Wednesday, May 31st, State Police received a complaint from the parent of a juvenile reporting that sexual contact may have taken place within the last month between the juvenile and James Embry. Embry currently serves as a police officer for the city of Morgantown in Butler County. Due to the suspect being a police officer, the complaint was referred to the Kentucky State Police Special Investigation Section in Bowling Green. On Thursday, June 1st, investigators conducted interviews and as a result, determined that there was sufficient probable cause for the arrest of Embry. James Embry, 26, was arrested at Morgantown Police Department just after 5:00 PM CST and lodged in the Butler County Jail where he was charged with Sexual Abuse 1st Degree and Custodial Interference. Both offenses are class D felonies. The investigation is continuing by Det. Dan Morck with the Kentucky State Police Special Investigations Section.