

East Point police officer accused of sexual assault fired

An East Point Police Officer accused of sexual assault and stalking by a teenage girl has been fired from the department.

The officer, Richard Gooddine, was initially suspended with pay.

According to the East Point Police Department, the department received a complaint in reference to an alleged sexual misconduct involving an Gooddine while on duty. An Internal Affairs investigation was initiated immediately and Gooddine was placed on administrative leave.

The GBI was also called to help investigate the complaint.

[The East Point Police Department issued a statement on Facebook](#), reading:

On August 20, 2018 East Point Police Department received a complaint in reference to an alleged sexual misconduct involving an officer while on duty. The East Point Police Department takes these complaints very seriously. An Internal Affairs investigation was initiated immediately. The officer was placed on administrative leave with pay, pending the outcome of the investigation. The department also follows the 21st Century Policing Model's recommendation of having an outside agency investigate the criminal aspect of any serious cases involving an officer. Therefore, the GBI was called in to conduct the criminal investigation aspect of this complaint.

East Point Police Chief Tommy Gardner issued the following statement:

On August 22, 2018 Richard Gooddine was officially terminated by the East Point Police Department. It was determined during the course of our

internal affairs investigation that Gooddine had violated multiple departmental policies and procedures, which resulted in his termination.

We learned Officer Richard Gooddine has a history of complaints and other issues. In February 2016, woman claims she was touched inappropriately during traffic stop. She stated she felt raped by the Officer Gooddine's eyeballs. An internal investigation showed no evidence to support the complaint.

Then in June 2017, Officer Gooddine was given a verbal reprimand in regard to 27 outstanding reports. He had a history of not filing incident reports.

Finally, in August 2017, a woman claims Officer Gooddine touched her in a sexual manner while in custody for shoplifting. Again, an internal investigation found no evidence to support the complaint so the case was closed.

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