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UPDATE: Cherokee County deputy charged with indecency with child

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CHEROKEE COUNTY – A Cherokee County deputy is free on a \$50,000 bond following his arrest Tuesday by the Texas Rangers in connection with a charge of indecency with a child.

Jonathan Bryan Shobert, 46, was released Feb. 12 from the Cherokee County Jail, according to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office records department.

“At the request of the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office, Texas Rangers were asked to conduct an investigation. As a result, on Feb. 12, Texas Rangers arrested Jonathan Bryan Shobert, 46, of Rusk, for indecency with a child (a second-degree felony). Mr. Shobert was booked into the Cherokee County Jail without incident. The investigation is ongoing, and no other information will be released at this time,” according to a statement from Sgt. Jean Dark, public information officer for the DPS – Tyler District.

A copy of a CCSO arrest report reveals that Cherokee County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Judge Brenda Dominy issued the Feb. 12 warrant for an alleged incident that took place on Jan. 26. The report did not list a location where the incident was alleged to have taken place.

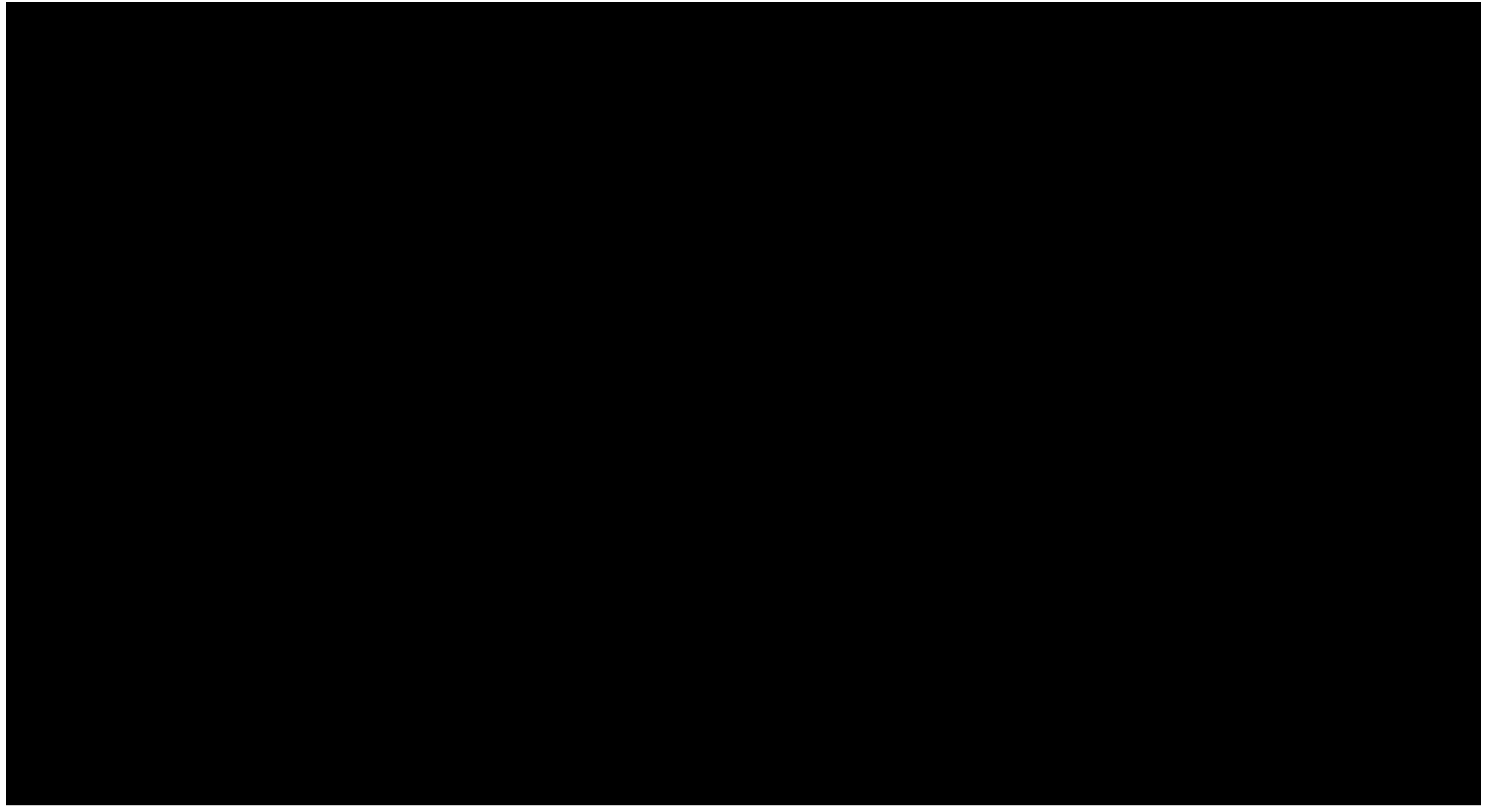
Bond conditions stated that there is to be no contact – directly or indirectly – between Shobert and with the alleged victim or the victim's family.

Additionally, he must keep a 200-foot distance from the alleged victim's residence, place of employment or business, effective immediately, as well as not be allowed to go to or near “any child care facility, residence or school where the alleged victim, a child, normally resides or attends,” the report states.

No information is available on whether or not Shobert has been placed on administrative leave from the sheriff's office. When contacted by email, an official with Sheriff James Campbell's office replied, “The CCSO has no comments on the case, and the Texas Rangers are investigating.”

Texas Ranger Nicholas Castle is the investigating officer, Dark said.

According to the Texas Penal Code, the charge of indecency with a child is a second-degree felony in which “a person commits an offense if, with a child younger than 17 years of age, whether the child is of the same or opposite sex and regardless of whether the person knows the age of the child at the time of the offense, the person: (1) Engages in sexual contact with the child or causes the child to engage in sexual contact.”



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