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Georgia deputy who taught internet safety to kids arrested for child molestation

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PAULDING COUNTY, Ga. ([WGXA](#)) – The Georgia Bureau of Investigation says a Georgia deputy has been charged with child molestation.

GBI agents arrested 48-year-old Paulding County deputy Steve Sorrells on November 25 for two counts of child molestation and violation of oath of office.

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office asked the GBI to investigate Sorrells on November 14 based on allegations that he had sexual contact with a child.

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When the investigation was going on he was a detective assigned to the juvenile investigation's division at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

He was immediately put on administrative leave at the beginning of the investigation and was fired upon his arrest. The GBI says Sorrells has been booked into the Paulding County Jail.

A [Facebook post](#) from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office shows Sorrells had been with that agency since December 2015. In February 2018 [he helped teach](#) Internet Safety Day to children at Rockmart Middle School, and in November 2018 he was [presented the Commissioner's Public Safety Award](#) in Paulding County for his efforts keeping local children safe.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact the GBI at 706/624-1424

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