

New Mexico State Police officer arrested on child abuse charges

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TUCUMCARI -- A New Mexico State Police officer is charged with felony child abuse and misdemeanor domestic violence after he was arrested by Tucumcari police Thursday, according to the Quay County Sun.

Isaac Vigil, who has been a state police officer for 1.5 years, was arrested after a officers responded to a domestic violence incident just before 9 p.m. Thursday.

A woman at the address told officers that Vigil had assaulted someone at the house earlier that day. He was on duty at the time and couldn't be questioned, according to Pete Rivera, Tucumcari's deputy police chief.

A warrant was issued for Vigil, who was brought to the Tucumcari Police Department by his commanding officers and taken into custody.

Vigil has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation, and State Police Sgt. Damyan Brown told the Quay County Sun that Vigil has been forced to surrender his patrol vehicle, badge and issued firearm.

Vigil has since posted a \$15,000 bond.