

## Trooper resigns after accusation of putting gun to wife's head

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2015 Cop Domestic Violence Gary Shannon Gates



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An Alabama state trooper accused of driving drunk in his patrol car and putting a gun to his estranged wife's head has resigned from the force - weeks after only being demoted in this case.

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What led to the resignation is not clear. However, he noted on his

resignation documentation that the reason for his leaving was because of "personal issues."

Former Marshall County State Trooper Gary Shannon Gates has now resigned, according to personnel records showing it was signed off by supervisors early last month.

Gates was demoted after it was learned last fall he drove his state-issued vehicle while intoxicated to his estranged wife's home in Arab.

Documents related to an internal investigation said he put a gun to the woman's head, threatening to kill her and then himself.

After Arab police arrived, the documents said, he fled the scene, came back, but then jumped and ran from police after coming in contact with them.

No charges were ever filed.

Gates was sent to work in nearby St. Clair County following his demotion.

What happens to the cases he made while in St. Clair County remains unknown.

St. Clair County Assistant District Attorney Lamar Williamson said some people will plead guilty and pay their fines, but it's unknown if Gates will return, should a person challenge their ticket.

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