

Deputy charged with assault previously suspended by SCSO fox13memphis.com

2016 Cop Domestic Violence Multiple charges Ralph Dobbins



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- The Shelby County Sheriff's Office deputy who is accused of assaulting his girlfriend and her 13-year-old daughter has several suspensions on his SCSO personnel file.

The file, which was obtained by FOX13, shows Ralph Dobbins was previously suspended 5 times. They are listed below:

- **SCSO deputy accused of assaulting girlfriend and her 13-year-old daughter**
- December 2005 – suspended 5 days for personal conduct and adherence to law
- May 2014 – suspended 5 days for personal conduct and compliance with regulations
- October 2014 – suspended 10 days for personal conduct
- April 2014 – two 5-day suspension; one for departmental vehicle crashes and the other for compliance with regulations.

Dobbins was also cited for unsatisfactory performance in February 2005 for a harassment allegation, and he was given an oral reprimand in October 2006 for departmental vehicle crashes.

Dobbins is charged with two counts of aggravated assault. The charges stem an incident on April 18 at the couple's home.

According to an arrest affidavit, Dobbins' girlfriend said he grabbed her 13-year-old daughter "by the hair and yanked her to the ground." From there, he allegedly held the girl down by the neck and started choking her and punched her in the arm.

Dobbins has been relieved of duty without pay, pending the outcome of the assault investigation. He has been a deputy since 2004.