

## Montgomery County sheriff's deputy charged with domestic violence

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### 2017 Cop Domestic Violence Douglas C. Gearhart

A Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy was allegedly intoxicated Tuesday evening when he fought with his step-daughters and wife, who lost three teeth during the incident.

Deputy Douglas C. Gearhart, 43, was arrested by Warren County Sheriff's deputies and charged with two counts of domestic violence. A charge of felonious assault was added later.

Gearhart is being held in the Warren County Jail on no bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned at 11:45 a.m. Friday in Franklin Municipal Court.

Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer declined an interview request regarding Gearhart. A sheriff's office employee was asked to provide Gearhart's work status and personnel file, but it was not provided by late Thursday afternoon.

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The Warren County Sheriff's Office denied this organization's request for cruiser cam video, citing exceptions to Ohio open records laws.

A police incident report said surveillance footage from inside Gearhart's Franklin Twp. home showed him grabbing his wife, dragging her by the hair through the kitchen and slamming her head onto the edge of the kitchen island.

The report also said 911 calls came from Gearhart's residence indicated that Gearhart returned home intoxicated and "was hitting everyone in the house."

"Our step-dad is beating our mom right now," one 911 caller told a dispatcher at about 6:40 p.m. "Oh my gosh, I knew this was going to happen."

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Gearhart's wife was found on the floor of the garage and her teeth were later collected and put into a cup of water. A woman is heard on the other 911 call crying and saying, "I'm sorry" as her daughters try to comfort her.

Interviews with both Gearhart and his wife show the couple and his mother spent all day at Miami Valley Gaming and that alcohol was consumed. Gearhart's mother drove the couple home.

The 911 call and report indicate that an argument started when Gearhart was reaching for a plate of pizza, nearly ran into one of the girls and said, "I'm sorry was I in your way?"

One 911 caller said, "My step-dad came home drunk and he just hit me, my sister and my mom" and that there's a "camera in the living room that caught it all."

After being stopped while driving his blue pickup truck, Gearhart was given his Miranda warning and declined to write out a statement. Later, he complained he didn't get the option to write a statement.

Gearhart told the Warren County deputy that his stepdaughters were "throwing their authority around like they were (expletive) somebody," according to the report. The deputy wrote that Gearhart was slurring his speech.

Gearhart told the deputy he didn't remember exactly what happened but that his wife threw herself at him and tried to punch him while in between the garage and kitchen. Gearhart told the deputy he "slung her off him." The deputy's report said Gearhart used an arm-bar escort and shoved his wife into the garage.

The deputy wrote that (Gearhart) talked about how the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was much better than the Warren County one and that Gearhart said, "I've been there honey," and the deputy wrote, "I told him that I wasn't his honey."

The report said Gearhart said the Warren County deputy was a joke and that he should work in Drexel (in Jefferson Twp.) if he wanted to learn "what it was all about."

Gearhart said he saved three people from dying last week and that all Warren County deputies did was "drive around in a (expletive) cornfield."

Deputies collected Gearhart's service weapon and badge from his residence.