

State Police investigation leads to arrest, charging of man for sexual misconduct

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A recent Indiana State Police investigation has led to the arrest and charging of a rural Austin resident on seven counts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Five of the charges filed on April 22 in Scott Circuit Court against Steven A. White, 20, are Class C felonies. The remaining counts are Class D felonies.

ISP Detective David Mitchell investigated the incidents based on initial findings by Detective Rick Barrett of the Scott County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by staff of the Scott County Department of Child Services. The investigation began March 20 when relatives of the sixth grade boy, who is 15, came to the Sheriff's Department.

Reportedly, the boy allowed White to climb into his home through the boy's bedroom window twice in March. The pair then allegedly engaged in sexual acts, according to the probable cause affidavit.

Court papers indicated that White admitted to having had sexual contact with the boy.

An arrest warrant for White was issued on April 22, and White was arrested that same day at his home on Terry Road without incident by Det. Mitchell.

When White appeared on Thursday, April 24, for an initial hearing in Circuit Court, a preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for him, and the case was assigned to a public defender..

Bail was set at \$75,000 corporate surety bond or full cash bond. White's jury trial date is October 7, according to court documents.