

Fort Carson MP arrested in sexual assault of 14-year-old girl

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James Anthony Walker (Photo via KKTU)

A 26-year-old Fort Carson military policeman was arrested Friday on suspicion of sexual assault of a child under 15.

Spc. James Anthony Walker lives in Florence but was arrested by agents of Fort Carson's Army Criminal Investigation Division, according to the Fremont County Sheriff's Office.

Walker was arrested following an investigation that began in September. He allegedly began "sexting" the girl when she was 13 and engaged in a sexual relationship with her when she was 14, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The girl told a detective she started talking to Walker on Facebook in August 2015, and that his age initially scared her "but then she got comfortable with him and began sneaking out of the house to meet with him," according to Walker's arrest affidavit.

The first time they met up, "nothing sexual happened, they were just talking," according to the affidavit. She said the relationship became sexual despite her reservations - she eventually gave in because "he kept trying, and trying and trying," according to the affidavit.

The affidavit included a record of a Facebook conversation the girl had with Walker in September while police were observing. It was part of "a ruse" that she was pregnant, according to the affidavit. After attempting to call Walker and eventually exchanging messages on Facebook because he said he didn't have cell signal, the girl messaged, "I might be pregnant," naming him as the father.

Walker replied, "That was two months ago and i can't produce babys anymore," according to the affidavit. The girl asked for help, and he replied, "So ur gna get me in trouble I wont be able to if iam jail thanks bye," clarifying that he would be in trouble because "Ur young."

In an interview with detectives and an agent from the Army Criminal Investigation Division, Walker initially denied knowing the girl, according to the affidavit. Then he said she was a friend who he would talk to and hang out with, but that he thought she was 18.

Later in the interview, he admitted to getting drunk and kissing her, saying "...it went a little farther, I don't remember, I just got out of the situation," according to the affidavit.

A detective then met with Walker's wife, who said "she knew this was going on for a long time but she didn't know it was 'with younger,'" according to the affidavit.

Walker is assigned to the 759th Military Police Battalion and over his 7½ years of service, has received various awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, according to Fort Carson officials. He was deployed to Afghanistan and received the Combat Action Badge.

He remains in the El Paso County jail without bond, inmate records show.

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