



PRESS RELEASE

On 01/23/20 Kirk DeGreve was arrested by the Illinois State Police on criminal charges for two counts of criminal sexual assault and two counts of possession of child pornography. Mr. DeGreve is currently on administrative leave regarding this situation.

In August 2019, then East Moline Police Chief John Reynolds was made aware of possible inappropriate conduct between Mr. DeGreve, who was serving at the time as the United Township High School Resource Officer, and a student who attended United Township High School. This information was brought to Chief Reynolds' attention by the school administration. Chief Reynolds immediately removed Mr. DeGreve of his duties as the School Resource Officer and contacted the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation to conduct an independent criminal investigation. Mr. DeGreve was re-assigned to patrol duties during the investigation and did not return to United Township High School.

In January 2020, I, Chief Jeff Ramsey, was notified by the Illinois State Police of potential evidence of criminal conduct developed in the investigation. I immediately placed Mr. DeGreve on administrative leave at this time as there was reason to believe Mr. DeGreve may have violated criminal law along with department policy and standards. The East Moline Police Department takes these types of allegations very seriously and took immediate action to have the situation properly investigated. Once again, Mr. DeGreve was immediately removed from his duties as a School Resource Officer at United Township High School when the allegations were made and has not returned to the High School. The East Moline Police Department has and will continue to fully cooperate with the Illinois State Police.

The East Moline Police Department has always had a good relationship with the schools and school administration we work with. The safety of the children attending our schools is our top priority and we will continue working with the schools to provide our services and protections. This incident is in no way a representation of the hardworking, dedicated police officers of the East Moline Police Department who strive to serve and protect its citizens with the upmost respect and integrity. We ask you give the victim and families involved privacy during this difficult time.

We have full confidence in the criminal justice system. Mr. DeGreve will be afforded his right to a fair trial and if the allegations against him are proven true, he will face the consequences. We would like to thank the Illinois State Police, Carroll County States Attorney's Office, and Rock Island County States Attorney's Office for their fair and impartial investigation into this incident.

The Illinois State Police will handle all media inquiries regarding the criminal case against Mr. DeGreve. An internal investigation will be conducted by the East Moline Police Department into this situation.

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