



From: City of Bartlesville
Date: February 28, 2023
For release: Immediate
Re: Former police officer issue
Issued per request

In response to allegations made to Bartlesville Police Department command staff on Aug. 14, 2020, an internal investigation was launched pertaining to actions taken by then-Cpl. James Graham regarding inappropriate sexual behavior while on duty as a Bartlesville police officer.

During the course of the investigation, Graham admitted that he had touched at least one female police officer without her consent. He also admitted to exposing himself to a female officer at a police facility while on duty and while acting as a field training officer.

Upon the close of the investigation but prior to any disciplinary action being taken, Graham resigned his position with the City of Bartlesville.

After Graham resigned, and at the request of both victims, the matter was referred to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Bartlesville Police Department did not conduct the criminal investigation and had no further involvement in the case after that time.

During Graham's trial in February 2023, the State dismissed one of the counts. Upon completion of the trial and the subsequent acquittal of Mr. Graham, BPD command staff was made aware that one witness was possibly less than truthful at some point during the initial investigation or during the trial.

Because the City of Bartlesville takes any allegation such as this seriously, an internal investigation into this matter is underway. As per standard procedure, the officer in question has been placed on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the investigation.