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Utah National Guard Recruiter Arrested

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard confirms that a Richfield-based recruiter, Sgt. 1st Class Wade Argyle, was arrested May 4 and booked into Sevier County Jail on suspicion of solicitation of a minor via text messages.

Argyle has been a full-time recruiter for the Utah Army National Guard for seven years. He joined the Utah Guard in 1999.

"We are appalled and disturbed by these accusations," said Utah Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Hank McIntire. "If the allegations prove true, we categorically reject such behavior as completely contrary to what the Guard stands for."

"We expect all of our members to live by the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage," added McIntire. "Our charge is to keep our citizens safe, and we take that responsibility very, very seriously."

The Utah National Guard is cooperating fully with authorities to ensure that the innocent are protected and justice is served. Guard officials have already turned over to investigators Argyle's government-issued computer and mobile phone.

Until further notice, Argyle has been placed on paid administrative leave and will have no involvement in recruiting activities and no access to Utah Guard facilities.

When selected as recruiters, Utah National Guard members receive intensive training on ethics and prevention/avoidance of improper relationships and sexual harassment. Recruiters also receive refresher training on these topics several times each year.

Because the case remains under investigation, the Utah Guard will have no further comment on the matter until it has been adjudicated.