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Corrections Officer on administrative leave following sexual misconduct allegation

Port Orchard, Wash. -- A Kitsap County Sheriff's corrections officer is now on administrative leave following an investigation into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a female inmate.

Officer Christopher L. Brame, age 36, of South Kitsap, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff's detectives and booked into Kitsap County Jail on a single charge of custodial sexual misconduct, 2nd degree, a gross misdemeanor.

Brame was released from jail on personal recognizance.

The investigation revealed that there was probable cause to suspect that there had been a single incident of inappropriate contact, sexual in nature, between Brame and the 42 year-old inmate.

The incident allegedly occurred last Friday (06/04/2004), within an inmate housing area, while Brame was in uniform and on-duty as a corrections officer. It does not appear that either coercion or force was used during the alleged incident.

Sheriff's detectives initiated the investigation this past Tuesday. Shortly after receiving the complaint, Brame was placed on administrative leave by Chief of Corrections Larry Bertholf.

Brame has been a corrections officer with the Sheriff's Office since October 2002.

The alleged victim was arrested last month by a Sheriff's detective, for probable cause, following a burglary investigation. The victim also had several outstanding warrants of arrest.

Brame has not yet been charged by the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office.

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