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State Trooper accused of promoting prostitution ring

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The State Police suspended a trooper today as they investigate allegations he promoted a prostitution ring, officials said.

Buffalo-based trooper Titus Taggart, 41, was suspended without pay as a result of the probe which began in December.

"Trooper Taggart is alleged to have organized parties that may have involved the promotion of prostitution, while off-duty," according to statement by State Police.

"There has not been an arrest in this investigation, which is ongoing."

Probers are looking the alleged transport of working girls between Canada and western New York, The Buffalo News and Albany Times-Union reported.

Authorities believe Taggart operated a business that put on parties with "loose girls," according to The Buffalo News. He's an 18-year veteran assigned to Troop T in Buffalo.

Other troopers are also reportedly being looked at as part of the prostitution probe.

Taggart, a Buffalo resident who made a little more than \$100,000 last year, reportedly has strong family ties to the State Police.

His dad is reportedly Arthur L. Taggart, a former State Police colonel and who was an assistant to Thomas Constantine, the force's former superintendent.

Taggart's Facebook page includes a cartoon image of a busty woman in a police cap, high heel boots and holding a gun. The image also has the word "Busted!" with handcuffs around the "t."

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