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Statement on Deputy Arrested by Chula Vista Police

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department was made aware of a possible incident involving a Sheriff's Deputy. When it became appropriate to do so, the Department immediately placed Deputy Jaylen Fler on administrative assignment.

Even though the allegation had nothing to do with Fler's duties as a deputy, they were so serious that all peace officer authority was taken away from him. Fler began his employment with the Sheriff's Department in June 2015. His last assignment was at the San Diego Central Jail. Since being placed on administrative assignment, he has had no contact with the public.

From the beginning, the Sheriff's Department has fully cooperated with the Chula Vista Police Department. After a briefing on the status of the investigation late Wednesday afternoon (July 22nd), the Sheriff's Department began to move forward with its own internal affairs investigation.

Personnel records of peace officers are confidential under Penal Code 832.7 and as such, the Sheriff's Department cannot comment on internal affair investigations relating to peace officers.

Questions about the criminal investigation should be directed to the Chula Vista Police Department or the District Attorney's Office.

The Sheriff's Department takes allegations of illegal activity by its employees very seriously. We hold all our deputies to the highest standards and will hold deputies who violate the law accountable.

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