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Marin deputy accused of DUI in county vehicle

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A Marin County sheriff's sergeant was arrested on allegations he crashed a department vehicle while driving intoxicated in Rohnert Park, authorities said.

Michael Brovelli, 49, of San Rafael was released pending a decision on charges by the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office. A court date is tentatively scheduled for April 1.

The crash happened shortly before 6 p.m. March 4 on Camino Colegio near Magnolia Avenue, a residential area. Brovelli struck a fire hydrant, according to the Rohnert Park police department.

Brovelli was the only person in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed back to the Marin County sheriff's department.

The police department is still waiting for the results of Brovelli's blood test results for his alcohol level, said Rohnert Park police Chief Tim Mattos.

The Marin sheriff's office is conducting an internal investigation into potential department violations.

Brovelli has worked at the department since 2000, and his current assignment is training manager in the professional standards division, the section that conducts



Sheriff Robert Doyle said Brovelli was off-duty when the crash happened and he was not driving a marked department vehicle, but he declined to comment further because the incident is a “personnel matter.” He declined to say whether Brovelli is on leave.

Brovelli could not be reached for comment Monday. His defense attorney, Douglas Horngrad, said he is still waiting for the police reports and could not comment on the allegations, but he said Brovelli was released at the scene with a citation, not booked into jail.

“My client is entitled to the presumption of innocence,” Horngrad said.

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