

# Acting Locust Grove police chief arrested on charges of public intoxication

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Acting Locust Grove Police Chief Steven Rose is arrested on Aug. 7, 2021 on charges of public intoxication and assault and battery. (Cherokee County Detention Center)

TULSA, Okla. (KTUL) — Grand River Dam Authority Police Department arrested acting Locust Grove Police Chief Steven Rose on charges of public intoxication and assault and battery.

Rose was acting as the Locust Grove Police Chief while the city searched to replace former police chief Charles Williams after he was arrested in June for allegedly taking drugs and guns that the department had seized.

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GRDA police officers responded Saturday to a call about a fight in progress in at the Edmondson Access in Tahlequah, Okla.

Upon arriving, officers observed Rose's bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, as well as the odor emitting from him, and determined he was intoxicated.

Rose was upset after being hit four times by another person in a fight.

The fight was captured on cell phone video that was shown to officers, and showed Rose punching a victim in the back.

Rose was then struck several times while the victim was acting in self-defense.

While officers were working the scene, Rose kept yelling and trying to cause a disturbance.

He was placed under arrest and taken to the Cherokee County Detention Center.

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