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Seminole, Okla. (KOKH) — An off-duty Seminole police officer crashed his car in a gas station parking lot overnight Wednesday.

Police say he was drunk and body camera video shows him slumped over in his car.

"It appeared that the male was slumped over in the console and his upper body was behind the passenger seat," Seminole police chief John Withers said. "They got his attention and that's when the officer recognized him as a fellow police officer."

It was a rough morning for the now-former Seminole police officer, David Young.

A police report says he was waiting on pizza at Casey's gas station when he backed into another car and then passed out.

Officers ask Young how much he had to drink.

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In the video, Young claims he was sober but there were empty beer bottles in the back seat.

"I am very disappointed in Officer Young's decision," Withers said. "He has many friends that he could have called."

The video also shows Young refusing a sobriety test.

"I was totally blindsided," Withers said. "Officer Young had been here just under a year. I believe it was 357 days at the time of the incident."

So off to jail he goes, police say, getting the same treatment as anyone else.

"One rumor being such as we didn't actually take him to jail and we swept it under the rug," Withers said. "That is not the case. Young was treated like any other person caught in this situation."

Withers says he has spoken with Young and he is no longer employed with the department.

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