

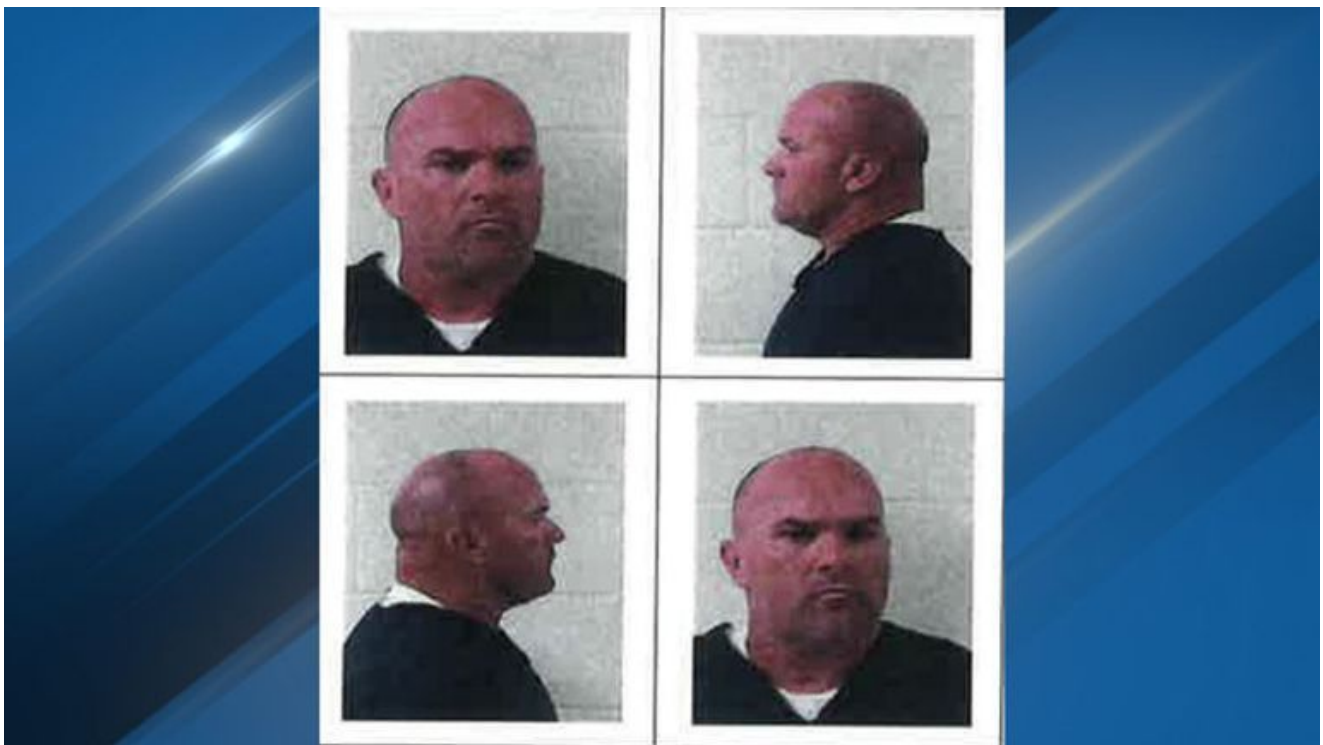
Oklahoma trooper arrested for sexual battery after traffic stop, terminated from OHP

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Trooper Jackie Rhinehart arrested, facing sexual assault and forcible sodomy (Photo: Craig County Sheriff's Office)

CRAIG COUNTY, OKLA. (KTUL) — An Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) trooper was arrested for forcible sodomy and sexual battery after a traffic stop in Craig County.

According to the affidavit, trooper Jackie Rhinehart, 52, conducted a traffic stop on March 7 at 12:48 a.m. on the Will Rogers Turnpike for a speeding violation on a semi-truck.

Rhinehart approached the semi and addressed the driver, a 58-year-old Hispanic female who spoke broken English, according to the affidavit.

Rhinehart made a gesture that the driver interpreted as him wanting her to go into the sleeper of the semi, which made her feel uneasy, according to the affidavit.

The document states Rhinehart became frustrated, and went back to his patrol car to write a warning notice.

While he was away, the driver contemplated calling 911, or discreetly recording the rest of the interaction but feared potential consequences from Rhinehart.

She believed she'd be safer outside the cab, and moved to the passenger side and exited the vehicle when he returned.

Rhinehart told her he'd only issued a warning for speeding.

The driver got back into the passenger side of the vehicle and Rhinehart stepped up onto the semi with the door still open.

According to the affidavit, his groin area was even with the driver's leg, and he started moving his hips in a side-to-side motion against her leg.

The driver said in the affidavit she could feel he was erect.

The affidavit states Rhinehart non-verbally communicated to the driver to touch him, which she did.

During the interaction, Rhinehart can be heard explaining the warning he issued to the driver, followed by a long silence, and then whispering was heard between the driver and Rhinehart.

Rhinehart also points to his chest several times and says "camera" to the driver, which she interpreted as him wanting her to be careful of what she's saying because of the body camera recording.

Rhinehart eventually steps away from the semi and tells the driver to "stay here".

He then walks back to his patrol car, stops the dash camera recording, and repositions his vehicle directly behind the semi so the cab is not in view, according to the affidavit.

He then returns to the cab where he and the driver kiss, according to the affidavit, and Rhinehart indicates he wants her to perform oral sex on him, which she does.

The affidavit states the two then got back into their own vehicles and drove away.

The incident was discovered by an OHP supervisor who was performing a routine check of dashcam video.

Rhinehart was terminated from OHP on Thursday after an investigation by the agency's Criminal Investigations Unit and its Office of Professional Standards.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Tim Tipton released a statement that said:

Rhinehart's actions are not in keeping with OHP's core values of honesty, loyalty, integrity, respect, self-discipline, and professionalism. As soon as we discovered the potential for criminal or unethical behavior, our agency took swift action. Rhinehart's behavior is deplorable and has no place within the organization. The public puts great trust in law enforcement and we strive every day to be deserving of that trust.