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Mass. State Police trooper arrested after domestic incident

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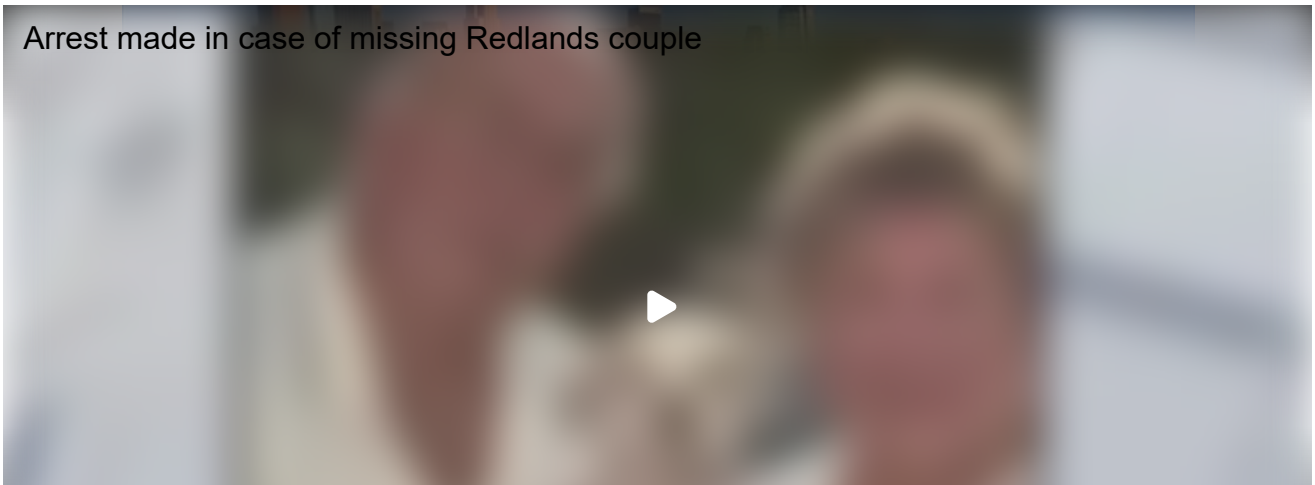


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A Massachusetts State Police trooper was arrested last week in Fitchburg and has been placed on restricted duty, according to court records and the State Police.

Trooper Dylan Knox, 31, of Fitchburg, faces charges connected to a domestic incident on Aug. 15, records in Fitchburg District Court show.

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Records are vague on the nature of the accusations against Knox and certain documents are impounded, meaning restricted from public view, at the request of prosecutors.

Benjamin Megrian, Knox's Boston-based attorney, said his client "steadfastly denies these allegations."

Knox has "dutifully and faithfully served his community for the past 5 years," Megrian said in an emailed statement. "Dylan looks forward to putting this case behind him and continuing to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth."

After his arrest, the State Police opened an internal affairs investigation and relieved Knox of duty, according to State Police spokesperson Timothy McGuirk.

In all State Police disciplinary cases, troopers sit for a duty status hearing during which they are either retained on full duty, placed on restricted duty, suspended with pay or suspended without pay, McGuirk said.

Knox was placed on restricted duty on Tuesday, he said.

On Wednesday, the state's police oversight board, the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, suspended Knox's certification to work in law enforcement. Without an active certification, he is barred from doing police work.

If Knox is convicted, the commission would be required to revoke his certification, ending his law enforcement career in Massachusetts.

Knox is a member of the State Police's Troop B, covering western parts of the Bay State, McGuirk said.

During his Aug. 16 court appearance, Judge Whitney J. Brown ordered Knox to stay away from any victims or witnesses in the case and to wear a GPS monitor, among other conditions. He was released on \$500 bail.

Knox is the second state trooper charged with domestic assault and battery in the last two weeks.

A spokesperson for the State Police Association of Massachusetts, the union representing state troopers and sergeants, did not respond to a request for comment.

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