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This morning in the Isabella County Trial Court, a former Central Michigan University police officer entered a guilty plea to the charge of misconduct in office, relative to his actions while on patrol last September. Jeffery Allen Card, age 34, a Mount Pleasant resident, entered his plea before Chief Trial Judge Paul H. Chamberlain the day his trial was scheduled to commence.

The charge stemmed from an incident in the early morning hours of September 11, 2011. Card was on patrol on campus, when he came into contact with two female CMU students. He agreed to give them a ride home. Instead, they drove around for several minutes, eventually ending up outside of Mount Pleasant. At some point, Card bet the young woman, who had been drinking, that their blood alcohol level would be above a .05 level, and if it was, they had to show their breasts. He administered the preliminary breath test to each. Both were above the .05 mark and briefly uncovered their breasts. Shortly thereafter, Card received a dispatch to a complaint on campus, and returned, dropping the young women at a residence hall.

After the events of that night became known, Card resigned his employment at Central Michigan University, and was charged criminally. The charge of misconduct in office applies when a public officer, engaged in his official duties, commits a wrongful act with a corrupt intent. It is a felony with a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Card's sentencing is scheduled for February 24, 2012.

Prosecuting Attorney Larry J. Burdick made the following statement regarding the case:

"The actions of Mr. Card that night were harmful not only to the two young women, but to the community in general. It was an abuse of power and an egregious violation of trust. Fortunately, it is an aberration from the exemplary policing which the CMU community has received from the campus police for many years."

In addition to losing his position with the CMU Police Department, Mr. Card will lose his certification as a police officer as a result of the felony conviction.

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